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Liliana Hake, 6, a first-grade student at St. Joseph's E.P. Clarke Elementary School, recently completed 25 random acts of kindness, including raising more than $500 to pay for deficit lunch accounts.

Little miss sunshine

District embraces theme as SJ first-grader Liliana Hake performs 25 random acts of kindness

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — It's nearly the end of December and Liliana Hake is walking through the halls of Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

The 6-year-old is passing out what she refers to as "lily pads" – coloring books and crayon combo packs – to some of the patients stuck in bed.

It was one of the many things she had on her checklist to bring kindness to not only her school, but the Twin Cities community. Liliana is a first-grade student at E.P. Clarke Elementary School who capped off her first semester in public school by performing random acts of kindness for friends and strangers.

The month-long effort seemed to come out of nowhere.

"I thought, 'I really love sharing kindness and I think this would make people happy,'" Liliana said.

Each act seemed simple enough, but would go on to make a big difference for many.

Liliana held a school supply drive for the LOGAN Autism Learning Center, in which school supplies, backpacks and binders were collected in the process.

Liliana posted random notes around E.P. Clarke Elementary School as part of International Kindness Week.

She passed out flowers in downtown St. Joseph, helped pay for groceries, taped money to vending machines for students who needed a snack, held open doors, handed out compliments left and right, and taped encouraging notes around E.P. Clarke.

At Lakeland, Liliana combed through a supply of lily pads located on the maternity floor within the pediatric department.

"Do you know what it's like to be at a hospital? Where you can't see your pets or your friends?" Liliana said. "I felt like coloring makes everyone happy."

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CASS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Leamon could get parole within a year

Emotions run high as judge announces new sentence in juvenile lifer case

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

CASSOPOLIS — Robert Leamon III could have the chance for parole within the next year after being resentenced Thursday in a juvenile lifer case by Cass County Circuit Judge Mark Herman.

LEAMON

Leamon was initially sentenced to life without parole in 1997 for the first degree murder of his then girlfriend, Becky Stowe, in 1993. The two were students at Brandywine High School near Niles and the murder took place in rural Cass County. Stowe's body was not found and Leamon was not arrested until more than two years later.

Judge Herman ruled earlier this month that he would resentence Leamon to a term of years in following the standards set down in a 2012 U.S. Supreme Court decision. That Supreme Court decision declared that it was cruel and unusual punishment to sentence juveniles to life without parole except in rare circumstances.

On Thursday Herman sentenced Leamon to the lowest minimum sentence of 25 years in prison despite impassioned pleas by Stowe's sister and Cass County Prosecutor Victor Fitz. Fitz asked for a minimum sentence of 40 years in prison. "I have to balance the scales of justice," the judge said. "Retribution alone is not justice and leniency alone is not justice."

Leamon has credit for 8,883 days already served in prison, which amounts to 24 years and 4 months.

Although that may sound like Leamon could get out of prison within the year, both Herman and defense attorney Sofia Nelson said that isn't necessarily the case. "This gives you the chance for parole but there's no guarantee. It's up to you to prove yourself," Herman said.

Nelson said afterwards that Leamon will be eligible for parole after serving 25 years, but emphasized that the final decision is in the hands of the parole board. "He's not coming home next week or next month," she said. "Once he's served the minimum time, he is eligible for parole but the parole board can keep him in prison up to the maximum of 60 years."

Fitz and Stowe's sister, Cynthia Slates, argued unsuccessfully Thursday that Leamon should stay in prison for the rest of his life. "When I was 16, I knew the difference between right and wrong, I knew it was wrong

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TV show features Niles man 'high ... on life'

'Jimmy Kimmel' show laughs it up with weed aficionado Fredrick Miller

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

In a screen grab from a YouTube clip, Niles resident Fredrick Miller is interviewed Wednesday by Jimmy Kimmel on the late-night talk show "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

Photo provided

NILES — A Niles man became somewhat of a viral sensation on social media Thursday after being interviewed on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

Fredrick Miller appeared on the late-night show Wednesday night to be interviewed by host Jimmy Kimmel. Kimmel aired an on-camera interview that Miller took part in last week, before the host interviewed Miller live on the show.

In a YouTube video clip of a Jan. 23 interview that Miller conducted with a South Bend TV news station, he talks while waiting outside a Niles dispensary on the day it began selling recreational marijuana.

The dispensary, The ReLeaf Center for Compassionate Care, saw such a large turnout that it ran out of recreational marijuana products last weekend.

Miller said in the interview that he wanted to try edibles and had expected the shop's opening would be like something out of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

Kimmel introduced Miller on his show Wednesday night by airing the clip and making marijuana-related jokes.

At one point, Kimmel mentioned his staff looked "high and even higher" to

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Brain injuries in Iraq put attention on invisible war wounds

By ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — The spotlight on brain injuries suffered by American troops in Iraq this month is an example of America's episodic attention to this invisible war wound, which has affected hundreds of thousands over the past two decades but is not yet fully understood.

Unlike physical wounds, such as burns or the loss of limbs, traumatic brain injuries aren't obvious and can take time to diagnose. The full impact – physically and psychologically – may not be evident for some time, as studies have shown links between TBI and mental health problems. They cannot be dismissed as mere "headaches" – the word used by President Donald Trump as he said the injuries suffered by the troops in Iraq were not necessarily serious.

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a veteran of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, told reporters Thursday that the number of service members diagnosed with TBI from the Jan. 8 Iranian missile attack in Iraq has now grown beyond the 50 reported earlier this week, although he provided no specific number. Milley said all are categorized as "mild" injuries, but in some cases the troops will be monitored "for the rest of their lives."

Speaking alongside Milley, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the Pentagon is vigorously studying ways to prevent brain injuries on the battlefield and to improve diagnosis and treatment. Milley said it's possible, in some cases, that symptoms of TBI from the Iranian missile attack on an air base in Iraq on Jan. 8 will not become apparent for a year or two.

"We're early in the stage of diagnosis, we're early in

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IN BRIEF

Fla. man mistakenly pumps gas onto the deck of his boat

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Mistakenly inserting a fuel nozzle into a fishing pole slot, a Florida man pumped $60 worth of gasoline onto the deck of his boat and the ground of a gas station, fire rescue officials said.

The incident happened Monday in the Orlando area, Orange County Fire Rescue spokesman Mike Jachles said on Twitter.

The gas flowed from the fishing pole hole and onto the deck of the 24-foot (7.3 meters) boat. The 31-year-old man realized his mistake and quit pumping.

As he tried to clean up the mess, the gasoline began leaking from the boat onto the ground at the 7-Eleven store. He told personnel and then called the fire department's non-emergency number, Jachles said.

A technical rescue team siphoned the gas from the boat and cleaned up. The situation was described as a "level 3 hazmat," meaning the potential of hazard was high, Jachles said.

Charges dropped against men who broke into Iowa courthouses

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Charges were dropped Thursday against two cybersecurity workers who were arrested after breaking into an Iowa courthouse in September as part of a security test conducted by state court administrators.

Court records show that a judge entered a dismissal order for Justin Wynn, 29, of Naples, Florida, and Gary Demercurio, 43, of Seattle.

Both work for Westminster, Colorado-based cybersecurity company Coalfire. The company contracted with state court officials to conduct security tests at Iowa courthouses and the state court building. The tests were designed to ensure that the court's highly sensitive data was secured against attack.

Wynn and Demercurio were caught inside the Dallas County Courthouse in Adel early on Sept. 11. Officers initially responding were about to release the men after confirming they were fulfilling a state contract but Dallas County Sheriff Chad Leonard arrived and insisted they be jailed.

They were initially charged with felony burglary, but it was reduced to a simple misdemeanor trespass charge in October. A hearing on a motion to dismiss was scheduled for next week.

Philadelphia, City of Brotherly Love, changes to sisterhood

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia, otherwise known as the City of Brotherly Love, changed its nickname Thursday in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

The city's honorary nickname will be the City of Sisterly Love until the end of 2020. Councilwoman Katherine Gilmore-Richardson introduced the ceremonial name change in a resolution.

The change is part of a joint effort with Visit Philadelphia, which is planning to celebrate sisterhood throughout the year.

LOTTERIES

Thursday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QC-JS-3C-3D-9D
Midday Daily 3
7-3-5
Midday Daily 4
9-1-2-3
Daily 3
3-7-1
Daily 4
6-2-8-5
Fantasy 5
13-16-27-28-38
Estimated jackpot: $291,000
Keno
03-05-16-19-21-22-24-27-28-29-34-35-36-43-48-49-63-64-70-76-77-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$155 million
Powerball jackpot
$40 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
09-12-15-31-60, Powerball: 2, Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: $394 million
Indiana
Cash 5
02-03-18-27-29
Cash4Life
19-27-40-41-58, Cash Ball: 1
Lotto Plus
23-26-32-37-41-44
Quick Draw Midday
10-19-23-24-26-36-41-45-47-49-50-51-56-65-66-67-70-78-79-80, BE: 24
Daily Three-Midday
8-9-5, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
0-6-4, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
6-6-1-1, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
0-4-9-7, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
09-10-15-21-22-26-27-35-38-41-46-47-48-49-53-55-60-62-67-75, BE: 38
Hoosier Lotto
09-14-16-33-38-43
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-10-20-24-39
Pick Three-Midday
8-6-4, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
5-3-8, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
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House impeachment manager Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., second from left, speaks to reporters Thursday while standing with Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., from left, and Rep. Sylvia Garcia, D-Texas, and Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., at the U.S. Capitol in Washington during the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

Key Republicans could tip Trump trial vote toward witnesses

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Key Republican senators who could tip President Donald Trump's impeachment trial toward summoning more witnesses played an oversized role in the final hours of debate Thursday night with pointed questions ahead of crucial votes.

A vote on witnesses could lead to an abrupt end of the trial with the expected acquittal. Or it could bring days, if not weeks more argument as Democrats press to hear testimony from former national security adviser John Bolton and others.

Any four Republicans could join with Democrats to demand taking more time for testimony.

Sen. Lisa Murkowksi of Alaska drew a reaction when she asked simply: "Why should this body not call Ambassador Bolton?"

GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee captured attention just before the dinner break when he questioned partisanship in the proceedings thus far.

Sen. Susan Collins, the Maine Republican whose vote on witnesses was considered in the balance, wanted to know why House Democrats withdrew a subpoena for a deputy national security adviser they wanted to hear from in the impeachment inquiry.

In response to Alexander and others, Democrat Rep. Zoe Lofgren of California, a congressional staffer during Watergate and now a House prosecutor, told the senators that the Nixon impeachment also started as a partisan inquiry. A bipartisan consensus emerged only after Republicans – including staunch Nixon supporters – saw enough evidence to change their minds, she said.

"They couldn't turn away from the evidence that their president had committed abuse of power and they had to vote to impeach him,'' Lofgren said. Richard Nixon resigned before he was impeached.

While disappointed that House Republicans did not join Democrats in voting to impeach Trump, she said the Senate – "the greatest deliberative body on the planet'' – has a new opportunity.

Trump was impeached by House last month on charges that he abused his power like no other president, jeopardizing Ukraine and U.S.-Ukraine relations. Democrats say Trump asked he vulnerable ally to investigate Joe Biden and debunked theories of 2016 election interference, temporarily halting American security aid to the country as it battled Russia at its border. The second article of impeachment says Trump then obstructed the House probe in a way that threatened the nation's three-branch system of checks and balances.

Thursday's testimony included soaring pleas to the senators-as-jurors who will decide Trump's fate, to either stop a president who Democrats say has tried to cheat in the upcoming election and will again, or to shut down impeachment proceedings that Republicans insist were never more than a partisan attack.

"Let's give the country a trial they can be proud of," said Rep. Adam Schiff, the lead prosecutor for House Democrats. Americans, he said, know what it takes for a fair trial. He offered to take just one week for depositions of new witnesses, sparking new discussions.

Trump attorney Eric Herschmann declared the Democrats are only prosecuting the president because they can't beat him in 2020.

"We trust the American people to decide who should be our president," Herschmann said. "Enough is Enough. Stop all of this."

McConnell was toiling to keep Friday's vote on schedule even as the trial was unearthing fresh evidence from Bolton's new book and raising alarms among Democrats and some Republicans about a Trump attorney's controversial defense.

In a day-after tweet, Trump attorney Alan Dershowitz, complained about the portrayal of his Wednesday night testimony when he said a president is essentially immune from impeachment if he believes his actions to be in the "national interest."

That idea frustrated some inside the White House, who felt Dershowitz's claim was unnecessary and inflammatory – irking senators with a controversial claim of vast executive powers. But those officials left it to Dershowitz to back away, wary that any public White House retreat would be viewed poorly by the president.

"I said nothing like that," the retired professor tweeted Thursday.

His words Wednesday night: "Every public official that I know believes that his election is in the public interest. And if a president does something which he believes will help him get elected is in the public interest, that cannot be the kind of quid pro quo that results in impeachment."

Asked about it as one of the first questions Thursday, Democrat Schiff, said, "Have we learned nothing in the last half century?"

Schiff drew on the lessons of the Nixon era to warn of a "normalization of lawlessness" in the Trump presidency.

"That argument – if the president says it it can't be illegal – failed when Richard Nixon was forced to resign," Schiff told the senators. "But that argument may succeed here, now."

"This is not a banana republic," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., rejecting the White House counsel's suggestion there was nothing wrong with seeking foreign election interference.

Democrats played a video showing the many times Trump has campaign.

The president has argued repeatedly that his dealings with Ukraine have been "perfect."

Republicans Collins, Romney and Murkowski all have expressed interest in hearing from Bolton and the others.

In a Senate split 53-47 with a Republican majority, at least four GOP senators must join all Democrats to reach the 51 votes required to call witnesses, decide whom to call or do nearly anything else in the trial.

Biden, Buttigieg amplify Sanders criticism before Iowa

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE and THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden takes a selfie during a campaign event Thursday in Waukee, Iowa.

WAUKEE, Iowa — Pete Buttigieg and Joe Biden stepped up their criticisms of Bernie Sanders on Thursday, as moderates are under growing pressure to dull any momentum the progressive senator may gain heading into next week's Iowa caucuses.

Biden, a former vice president, was blunt when asked by reporters to contrast himself with Sanders, who has long identified as a democratic socialist and was elected as an independent senator from Vermont.

"I'm a Democrat," Biden told reporters. "He's not a registered Democrat, to the best of my knowledge. And Bernie has a different view – I mean everything I've suggested to you that I want to do, I've figured out how to pay for it."

Sanders signed a loyalty pledge with the party last year that acknowledges he's a member of the Democratic Party and would serve as one if elected president.

Buttigieg, meanwhile, bemoaned Sanders' demands for adherence to progressive ideals as "a kind of politics that says you've got to go all the way here and nothing else counts."

The tougher talk comes as a greater urgency sets in among moderates in the race to prevent Sanders from notching early wins in Iowa and New Hampshire. That could give him momentum heading into later contests that will decide who wins the Democratic nomination.

The pressure is mounting as moderates struggle to unite behind a clear standard-bearer. While Biden remains atop the field in many national polls, his support has slipped some in the early voting states. Buttigieg and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who have framed themselves as Midwestern consensus builders, have had bigger crowds than Biden across Iowa over the past week and believe they have an opportunity to peel off some of his support.

As the moderates struggle to coalesce, they're also attacking each other, increasingly turning the Democratic primary into a multi-pronged battle.

In addition to his critique of Sanders, Buttigieg dismissed what he characterized as Biden's assertion that it's not time to "take a risk on someone new." That's an implicit argument that the 38-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, doesn't have the experience needed to be president.

"History has shown us that the biggest risk we could take with a very important election coming up is to look to the same Washington playbook and recycle the same arguments and expect that to work against a president like Donald Trump, who is new in kind," Buttigieg said.

Biden began the day focused on contrasting himself mostly against Trump, arguing, "I don't believe we are the dark, angry nation that Donald Trump sees in his tweets in the middle of the night."

But he couldn't ignore his Democratic rivals entirely. He later issued a warning to voters, saying "we can't let this Democratic race slide into a negative treatment of one another."

"We have differences," Biden continued. "We can argue about these differences. We have to be able, when we come out of this, to unite the party."

Under prodding from reporters during a brief stop for ice cream in Pella, Iowa, Biden responded to Buttigieg's criticisms.

"I don't know what Pete's talking about. He's a good guy, and I'm not gonna get into – he must be deciding things are getting a little tight," he said with a smile.

Census relying on social media, advocates to stop bad info

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

The U.S. Census Bureau is relying on outside help from social media companies, advocacy groups and other government agencies to halt campaigns that try to discourage people from participating in the once-a-decade head count through the spread of false information, officials said Thursday.

Because the decennial census takes place only once in every 10 years, some people may not be familiar with it. That can lend itself to misinformation and disinformation, said Stephen Buckner, an assistant director of communications at the bureau during a Facebook Live session. Misinformation is the unintentional spread of incorrect information. Disinformation is the deliberate spread of false information.

"It's really, really important that we do it right," Buckner said. "They're are no do-overs, so when the numbers are out, there's a 10 year process until the next count."

The Census Bureau has formed a new "Trust & Safety" team of more than 20 agency staffers who will monitor social media and other platforms for false information about the 2020 census, and then respond swiftly to inaccuracies when needed.

In the past several months, several social media platforms – including Facebook and YouTube – have promised to clamp down on misleading information about the census. On Wednesday, Pinterest joined the effort in announcing it would remove misleading content about who can participate in the 2020 Census and about the 2020 elections.

"If we find a Pin or board that violates our policy, we'll share it with the Census Bureau so that all the other platforms they're working with can also take action on the content," Pinterest public policy manager Aerica Shimizu Banks said in a statement. "Similarly, if the Bureau provides verified misinformation or disinformation to us, we'll look for it on our platform and take anything we find down."

The bureau also is relying on groups like the Better Business Bureau and AARP, and their consumer-protection hotlines, to gather reports on the spread of misleading information, as well as advocacy groups for minorities who may be at risk of being under-counted, said Zachary Schwartz, who is running operations for the bureau's "Trust & Safety" team.

"They're going to expand the bureau's reach into these communities to make sure that when there is a rumor flying around ... they can go right in there and put in authoritative content," Schwartz said.

Members of the public also are being asked to email the bureau at rumors@census.gov if they encounter inaccurate information.

The 2020 census will help determine how $1.5 trillion in federal spending is distributed and how many congressional seats each state gets. The count started earlier this month in rural Alaska. The rest of the nation won't begin participating until mid-March. This is the first decennial census in which the Census Bureau is encouraging most people to fill out the questionnaire online, though people can still answer by telephone or by mailing in their forms.

Fake posts about the census began popping up days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last June that the Trump administration could not ask about citizenship status on the 2020 census. In another recent case, posts in neighborhood chat groups warned that robbers were scamming their way into people's homes by asking to check residents' identification for the census. That was a hoax, but it left Census Bureau officials scrambling to get the posts removed from Facebook.

Civil rights leaders worry that if misinformation discourages immigrants and minorities from participating in the census, it could leave those populations underrepresented in key government decisions for years.

Election officials get training before voting begins

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When state election officials gathered ahead of the last presidential election, major topics were voter registration, identity theft and ballot design. This year, the main theme is election security.

The change since 2016 underscores how election security has become a top concern with presidential nominating contests set to begin next week.

Kicking off Thursday's meeting was a training exercise coordinated by the Department of Homeland Security. Election officials from 44 states joined officials with 11 federal agencies and representatives from more than a dozen voting technology companies to participate in the half-day exercise to help them keep votes secure.

"We've come a long ways," said Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate. "That's the strength of doing these tabletops: putting everyone in the same room so we have that contact and preparing for whatever scenarios might come up."

The vast majority of panels at the biannual meetings of the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors are dedicated to cybersecurity, from what states can do to disrupt hacking attempts to the threat of ransomware.

"I'm not aware of any other mission, any other issue, where we are this closely aligned," said Christopher Krebs, director of Homeland Security's cybersecurity agency. "There is zero daylight between the things we are doing. We are intensely focused on election security efforts."

Charles Krupa / AP

A resident arrives to cast her vote at a polling station in June 2018 at the Kennebunk Town Hall in Kennebunk, Maine.

States have been scrambling to shore up cybersecurity practices at the state and local level, train election officials and upgrade old and vulnerable voting equipment ahead of this year's presidential election. This comes as the nation's intelligence chiefs warn that Russia, Iran, China and North Korea remain a threat to interfere in U.S. elections.

In 2016, Russia launched a sweeping effort to undermine U.S. democracy by weaponizing social media, stealing and leaking campaign documents and scouring the nation's state and local election systems for vulnerabilities. Experts say it's possible that Russia and other hostile nations opted to sit out the 2018 midterms in preparation for this year's presidential contest.

KINDNESS

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Amy Hake, Liliana's mother, said the idea for the lily pads came after one of Liliana's friends was in the hospital.

"She was sad and wondered why they couldn't go home," Hake said. "She said, 'Well, coloring makes me feel better' and she started sketching out pictures too."

Hake said she cried when Liliana told her want she wanted to do in December.

"That's who she is," Hake said with a smile. "She's the one who will help other kids in the classroom. She's the one who will help someone on the playground. That's just who she is."

Spreading kindness

The rest of the St. Joseph school district got into the spirit of this week, with several schools celebrating International Kindness Week.

E.P. Clarke Principal Michelle Allen said the district has conducted "kindness activities" the past four or five years.

In addition to having themes each day in relation to kindness – such as dressing up as the heroes of kindness like doctors and firefighters – students were given kindness challenges each day.

"It's like a checklist of things that students and their families can do throughout the week to inspire others to be thoughtful," Allen said.

Each school had its own take on the week.

Allen said she's noticed great reactions around the kindness themes the school introduced this week.

"There's been a lot of outside-the-box thinking that our kids are bringing to the whole celebration of kindness," Allen said.

She also commended Liliana's efforts from not only this week, but throughout December.

Hake said she isn't surprised anymore by what her daughter does.

"She's very sporadic and in the moment," Hake said. "She'll notice something and say something. She just goes with it."

Don Campbell / HP staff

Liliana Hake, a first-grade student at E.P. Clarke Elementary School, did 25 random acts of kindness in December.

Perhaps the most meaningful act of kindness was her effort to raise more than $500 for deficit lunch accounts.

By doing so, Liliana ensured no student at E.P. Clarke would have to eat soy butter and jelly as a lunch option.

"That was one of my favorites," Liliana said. "I only expected (to raise) $100. But I got $500 with only asking once."

With help from her mother, Liliana raised more than $500 through her public figure Facebook page. She posted a live video from the page urging others to get involved.

"I've learned that kindness makes other people feel happy and it makes them think 'wow, they care about me,'" she said.

While International Kindness Week winds down, Liliana said she wants to continue helping others. She also had some advice for others who wanted to make a difference – whether it be large or small.

"They should do kindness too. They shouldn't be mean," Liliana said. "They should be kind to everyone, even the people who do some things that are wrong. Those people need kindness too. ... Whatever you give, is whatever comes back."

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LEAMON

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to take another life," Slates said. "He also knew it was wrong to kill another human being. He planned the crime only as a man would."

"It doesn't matter whether he's changed, he did a heinous crime," she added. "We had closure and now it's opening the wounds again. … Please with respect, consider the victims. Please don't dismiss my sister's life."

With a picture of Becky Stowe sitting on the table in front of him, Fitz went over the gruesome details of the murder, including how Leamon lured Stowe to the isolated spot where he had already dug a shallow grave. When Stowe refused to get an abortion, he broke her neck, then buried her – possibly still alive.

"He didn't shoot or stab her because he didn't want a bloody scene to clean up," Fitz said. "He broke her neck and buried her in a shallow grave when she might have still been alive. This was cruel and heartless and not the acts of a child but a man. I disagree with your ruling and wouldn't be disappointed if you changed your mind."

"We're in dissent with the system," Fitz said. "We highly respect this court, but we continue to oppose your ruling. …The system is on its head. It cares much more about the defendants than the victims and public safety. While he may not kill again, there is an increased chance that he will, as he did it once."

Fitz said afterwards that his office is still considering appealing Herman's decision to sentence Leamon to a term of years. He called the 2012 U.S. Supreme Court juvenile lifer ruling part of a very disturbing trend that focuses on the defendants and disregards the victims. He called Herman's 25-year minimum sentence "very disappointing."

For his part, Leamon gave an impassioned statement before the sentencing. "There's no excuse for my actions. I'm deeply ashamed," he said. "Becky's life was precious. … I am disgusted when I think of what I did (and) I pray daily for Becky and for peace for her family and for my family. I remain committed to help others make better choices."

Nelson, his attorney, said she firmly believes Leamon has been rehabilitated. "I know this man, I would be proud to have him as a neighbor," she said. "He is proof that rehabilitation is possible."

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find Miller, who was interviewed from inside the Niles dispensary.

"I am high as hell right now – on life," Miller said to a studio full of laughter.

Kimmel asked a series of questions about the day he was interviewed, including how long Miller had waited in line at the shop.

After he found out the wait was two hours, Kimmel asked if Miller would be willing to wait that long in line to vote. Miller laughed at the question, before saying he would if presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders was on the ballot.

"If you dream it, it can happen," Miller said.

As a surprise gift, Kimmel brought actor Alex Winter on stage – who is best known for playing Bill S. Preston, Esq., in the "Bill and Ted" movies – which inspired a shocked reaction from Miller.

"That's a smile – I want to take it and paste it on my face," Miller said in reference to Winter's appearance.

Kimmel hinted that he plans to check in with Miller in the future to find out what he thinks about random stuff.

In addition to introducing him to Winter, Kimmel gave Miller – who had previously said he intended to watch the new "Dracula" series on Netflix – a year's supply of Count Chocula cereal.

In the YouTube video that was uploaded by "Jimmy Kimmel Live!," Miller is referred to as the "Stoner from Michigan."

The ReLeaf Center officially opened for medical marijuana sales in late October 2019 – the first of its kind in Niles.

The Niles City Commission also approved an ordinance allowing recreational marijuana facilities in October.

On Jan. 6, the ReLeaf Center was licensed by the state to sell the drug recreationally.

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the stage of therapy for these troops," Milley said.

William Schmitz, national commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, last week cautioned the Trump administration against taking the TBI issue lightly.

"TBI is known to cause depression, memory loss, severe headaches, dizziness and fatigue," sometimes with long-term effects," he said, while calling on Trump to apologize for his "misguided remarks."

Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr., a New Jersey Democrat and founder of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, faulted Trump for displaying "a clear lack of understanding of the devastating impacts of brain injury."

When it announced earlier this week that the number of TBI cases in Iraq had grown to 50, the Pentagon said more could come to light later. No one was killed in the missile attack, which was an Iranian effort to avenge the killing of Qassem Soleimani, its most powerful general and leader of its paramilitary Quds Force, in an American drone strike in Baghdad.

Details of the U.S. injuries have not been made public, although the Pentagon said Tuesday that 31 of the 50 who were diagnosed with traumatic brain injury have recovered enough to return to duty. The severity of the other cases has not been disclosed.

The Pentagon did not announce the first confirmed cases until more than a week after the Iranian attack; at that point it said there were 11 cases. The question of American casualties took on added importance at the time of the Iranian strike because the degree of damage was seen as influencing a U.S. decision on whether to counterattack and risk a broader war with Iran. Trump chose not to retaliate, and the Iranians then indicated their strike was sufficient for the time being.

The arc of attention to TBI began in earnest, for the U.S. military, in the early years after it invaded Iraq in 2003 to topple President Saddam Hussein. His demise gave rise to an insurgency that confounded the Americans with crude but devastatingly effective roadside bombs. Survivors often suffered not just grievous physical wounds but also concussions that, along with psychological trauma, became known as the invisible wounds of war.

"For generations, battlefield traumatic brain injuries were not understood and often dismissed," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a New Hampshire Democrat.

The injuries have often been dismissed in part because the problem is not fully understood, although the Pentagon began focusing on the problem in the early 1990s when it established a head injury program that grew into today's Defense and Veteran's Brain Injury Center. Among its work, the center provides published reviews of research related to TBI, including links between severe TBI and behavioral issues such as alcohol abuse and suicide.

A study published this month by University of Massachusetts Amherst health services researchers concluded that military members who suffered a moderate or severe TBI are more likely than those with other serious injuries to experience mental health disorders.

Concern about TBI has recently given rise to questions about whether military members may suffer long-term health damage even from low-level blasts away from the battlefield, such as during training with artillery guns and shoulder-fired rockets.

"We're finding that even a mild blast can cause long-term, life-changing health issues," said Riyi Shi, a professor of neuroscience and biomedical engineering at Purdue University.

A 2018 study by the federally funded RAND Corp. found a dearth of research and understanding of potential damage to the nervous system from repeated exposure to these lower-level blasts. That same year, the Center for a New American Security, a Washington think tank, released a study urging the Pentagon to conduct a blast surveillance program to monitor, record, and maintain data on blast pressure exposure for "any soldier, in training or combat, who is likely to be in a position where he or she may be exposed to blasts." It said this should include brain imaging of soldiers who have been exposed to blasts as part of the study to better understand how blasts affect the brain.

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The Trump-induced agony of Iowa voters

Whatever else proves true about Monday's Iowa caucuses, the campaign to win them is challenging myths and underscoring the agony of Democratic voters in 2020. They are struggling to reach a final decision because they know how consequential their choice will be.

E.J. Dionne

And the Senate's impeachment debate serves as a kind of murmur amid the din, a distant fixation of political junkies that nonetheless goes to the heart of the Democrats' intense desire to remove President Trump from office.

Thus, one myth Iowa is shattering: Defeating Trump is central to some candidates but not others.

It's true that electability is at the forefront of the campaigns of former Vice President Joe Biden, former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar. But knowing their party's preoccupation with victory, Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts are not shrinking from this question.

For Biden, events in Washington this week were at least a partial blessing as he and his campaign leapt on comments by Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, inspired by the Trump defense team's attacks on Biden and his son Hunter. "I'm really interested to see how this discussion ... informs and influences the Iowa caucus voters, those Democratic caucusgoers," Ernst said. "Will they be supporting Vice President Biden at this point?"

Voters roared back, "Yes!" at a get-together here Tuesday afternoon when Biden quoted Ernst's line. On caucus night, he said, Iowans would "not only get to ruin Donald Trump's night by caucusing for me, but also ruin Joni Ernst's night."

In an interview later, Biden was as specific as he could be about why the president doesn't want to face him: "I have the best chance of beating Trump, picking up those states we lost, Pennsylvania, Michigan, etc. I have the best chance of helping us win back the Senate because I'm value added in states like North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, based on the polling data. And who else is going to add value there and not downside?"

Buttigieg is explicit, too. Ads pointing to the energy his campaign has inspired close with the tagline "This is how we win." They're tailored to specific counties in the state that Trump swept in 2016.

Buttigieg is trying to dispel another myth – that a candidate has to pick between restoring pre-Trump values or transforming Washington. The 38-year-old Buttigieg's insistence that he's about both is aimed at his D.C.-based rivals – and perhaps especially at the oldest candidates in contention here who occupy opposite ideological poles, Biden and Sanders.

"We've got to reckon with the fact that the presidency is about to face issues and challenges just deeply different from anything that we've dealt with in the past," Buttigieg said in an interview after a townhall in Ottumwa. "This is a good moment to be looking outside Washington and looking outside the familiar debates. So in my view, that's something that I think I can offer relative to all of my top competitors."

But Sanders and Warren are not shrinking from the electability question. At a bustling Iowa City Sanders campaign office, one bumper sticker on offer reads: "Bernie Beats Trump." Jodi Clemens, Sanders' regional field director, stressed his success in drawing previously disengaged voters into the fray "by talking about the things hurting people here, the things that keep them up at night."

And in a phone interview during campaign swings for Warren – who is largely bound to the Senate by the trial – former HUD Secretary Julián Castro argued that she is "best positioned to unite our party, and we are going to have to be united to beat Donald Trump." You will find a fair number of Democrats here predicting that Warren will overperform expectations.

Iowa also dispels the myth that voters are indifferent to punditry. The perception is taking root that Sanders will finish first because of the size of his base and its unshakeable loyalty. This means that voters seeking an alternative to Sanders must balance their hearts' desires with their strategic judgements.

Klobuchar, for example, seemed to enjoy a surge in recent weeks among voters who "wanted to pick a candidate who can go the distance, not only to be nominated but can win," said state Rep. Cindy Winckler, one of her early supporters. But this calculation is, in turn, influenced by voters' perceptions of how the rest of the field is doing.

Because of Trump, Iowa voters know only one thing with certainty: This time, they can't afford to make a mistake.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Seat and shoulder belts should be mandatory on buses

Less than half of the tour buses on the nation's highways have seat and shoulder belts, safety equipment the National Transportation Safety Board has been recommending for the past 50 years.

It shouldn't take another accident with injuries and fatalities to push the seat belt issue from recommendation to requirement.

The Jan. 5 multivehicle crash on the Pennsylvania Turnpike raised the issue of motor coach safety once again after the driver of the bus involved in the accident and two passengers were among five people killed. There were no safety belts in the bus for passengers, only the driver.

The NTSB has been pushing for passenger safety belts since the 1960s, but the only real progress has been a requirement for belts on larger buses built after 2016. More than half of the 30,000 buses on the road do not fall into that category.

Also troubling is the fact that smaller buses – those between 10,000 and 26,000 pounds – have no requirement for safety belts.

Despite a mountain of evidence showing that seat and shoulder belts save lives in vehicle crashes, there seems little urgency to make the NTSB recommendations mandatory. The safety board is an independent agency that reviews accidents and can only make recommendations to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, part of the Department of Transportation.

In a 2016 report to Congress, the traffic administration estimated it would cost $14,650 to $40,000 to retrofit each existing tour bus. Pointing to studies showing that only about 10 percent of bus passengers use available seat and shoulder belts, the NHTSA concluded "retrofitting was unlikely to produce substantial safety benefits."

The benefits may not be substantial, but they certainly matter. From 2009 to 2018, 461 passengers were killed when tour buses crashed, according to the Transportation Department. Many of those fatalities were the result of passengers being ejected from the vehicle or thrown about the interior after impact.

There is a cost factor in requiring safety belts on all tour buses, but it's time Congress took the repeated recommendations from the NTSB and made them law. A half-century of warnings is far too long to wait for action.

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Iowa could make Democrats' Bernie problem much worse

Byron York

Just days before the 2008 Democratic presidential caucuses in Iowa, Hillary Clinton led Barack Obama by four points in the RealClearPolitics average of polls. Obama took the lead, by a few tenths of one percentage point, literally 24 hours before the caucuses. And then he won by nearly eight points.

In retrospect, things were moving very fast in Iowa in those final days before the voting. And now, we are again days away from the Iowa Democratic caucuses. Things might be moving in ways we don't know.

Four candidates have held the lead at various times in the Iowa race. Joe Biden led from the start until the third week in September last year. Then Elizabeth Warren took over and led until mid-November. Then it was Pete Buttigieg's turn; he led until the first week in January.

The new year brought new volatility. First Bernie Sanders led until mid-January. Then Biden led again until Jan. 24. And since then, Sanders has jumped back into the lead.

In the last few days, two candidates – Sanders and Biden – seem to be headed up, while the other two – Warren and Buttigieg – seem to be headed down. In any event, this seems to be an Iowa caucus in which there is great possibility for last-minute shifts in voter choices. So predictions are useless.

What is undeniable is Democratic establishment nervousness about Sanders. The basic worry is that he is so far to the left that the party might end up nominating the only candidate President Donald Trump can beat.

Just look at some headlines from the last few days:

- "Dems tormented over how to stop Bernie" (Politico)
- "'Oh my God, Sanders can win': Democrats grapple with Bernie surge in Iowa" (NBC News)
- "Worried Democratic operatives scramble to fund a network to take down Bernie Sanders" (Daily Beast)
- "Fear of Sanders win growing among Democratic establishment" (Associated Press)
- "'Stop Sanders' Democrats are agonizing over his momentum" (The New York Times)

Actually, that last headline, from the Times, was from April 2019. Democrats were agonizing then, and they're still agonizing now.

It is hard to imagine two more different men than Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, but establishment Democrats fear that something could be happening in their party that echoes the events of 2016 for Republicans: A candidate with popular appeal who is dismissed by party leaders yet manages to build so much support that the establishment cannot deny him the nomination.

It might seem a little odd that Democrats are so worried by a Trump 2016 scenario. After all, Trump won. But it was, of course, a rocky road, and more than a little unpleasant for GOP bigwigs.

So now Democrats listen when the loser of that race, Hillary Clinton, expresses her apparently undying disdain for Sanders. In an admiring – aren't they all? – new documentary on her losing campaign, Clinton says of Sanders: "He was in Congress for years. He had one senator support him. Nobody likes him, nobody wants to work with him, he got nothing done. He was a career politician. It's all just baloney, and I feel so bad that people got sucked into it."

In a promotional interview, the Hollywood Reporter asked Clinton if that assessment still holds. "Yes, it does," she answered.

The only problem for establishment figures like Clinton is that Sanders is leading in Iowa. He is leading in New Hampshire. He is in second place in South Carolina. And then, looking down the road a bit, he is leading in the biggest state of all, California.

The establishment has reason to be worried.

Of course Sanders is far to the left. But there is no doubt the entire Democratic party has moved in his direction in the last four years. There's no indication that movement will stop. The party has come to Bernie, not the other way around. Party leaders might have to come to Bernie, too.

One irrefutable argument the party establishment would have against Sanders is that he is simply too old to be president. He will be 79 years old on Inauguration Day 2021 and will turn 80 that same year. That is unprecedented in American history. And, of course, Sanders suffered a heart attack last October.

Trump, the nation's oldest president ever, could serve four more years, and at the end of two full terms still be younger than Sanders would be on the first day of his presidency.

All that would be an effective argument, except that the establishment's preferred candidate, by the same measure, is also too old to be president. Biden will be 78 on Inauguration Day, and to some observers' eyes looks less energetic and resilient than Sanders.

So, at the moment, the Democratic establishment has no good strategy for dealing with its Sanders problem. In a week, the Iowa caucuses will be over, and the problem could be much, much worse.

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Being John Bolton

You can call John Bolton a lot of things – bully, brawler, neocon – but not many would call him a dummy.

This is especially true at this precise moment, when he may be the only person to emerge a winner from Donald Trump's impeachment trial.

To many Americans, the name John Bolton likely conjures up little more than a walrus-ian mustache to which the man's loyalty never wavers. Perhaps he keeps the little shrub to remind his upper lip not to curl with contempt

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toward those whose opinions differ from his own. As his friends and former colleagues will tell you, Bolton tends to be an absolutist with an affinity for black and white and no love for elitists or fools.

They will also tell you that he is above all a man of principle who would never sacrifice himself for the most-unprincipled president in modern history. Whether he is subpoenaed to testify before the Senate is virtually irrelevant considering that we already know what he knows.

For one thing, excerpts of his forthcoming book's manuscript were recently leaked to The New York Times. Among revelations therein: Then-national security adviser Bolton and Attorney General Bill Barr discussed "concerns that President Trump was effectively granting personal favors to the autocratic leaders of Turkey and China."

Also, Bolton writes that Trump explicitly made military aid to Ukraine contingent upon investigations into political foe Joe Biden and his son Hunter. But, then, we already knew that, too.

The rest is theater, which, frankly, has become a bit dull. Witnesses-to-the-rescue is a tempting notion, but it seems unlikely that Bolton's contribution would sway the Republican-majority Senate to convict the president.

So, why the backlash against Bolton from the White House, other than his apparent disloyalty? What else does he have? The White House knows exactly what he has since Bolton sent a copy of his manuscript for its review a month ago.

The more apt observation may be that he's got nothing to lose and, based on his long history of government service, everything to maintain. That is, his reputation for principle over loyalty. Bolton's repertoire in government service, which began soon after his graduation from Yale Law School (on scholarship), is that of a bulldog – stubborn, fearless, prone to infighting and concerned foremost with the sovereignty of the United States. He was an America First gladiator long before Trump thought of it as a foreign policy imperative.

Among other things, Bolton has nothing but contempt for the United Nations, which made his turn as U.S. ambassador to the U.N. under President George W. Bush a bit unusual. Before that, while serving in the State Department, he helped Bush un-sign the U.N. "Rome Statute," which created the International Criminal Court for war crimes, lest other countries use the treaty as a cudgel against America and our troops. In a 2018 speech to the Federalist Society, Bolton referred to this as "one of my proudest achievements."

In some conservative circles, bets are that Bolton wouldn't just be willing to testify, as he has said he would if subpoenaed by the Senate. He'd *love* to. One way or the other, his story, supported by the paper trail he created as national security adviser, will come out. It won't be good for Trump, but it won't necessarily hurt him in the immediate future. Everybody knows what Trump is. The only issue is whether enough senators care enough to convict him.

Trump and his loyalists have accused Bolton of trying to sell a book and make money. Note to the unpublished: Well-known writers such as Bolton typically are paid upfront by their publisher in the form of an advance. Whether the book makes money, thereafter, is primarily the concern of the publisher. Bolton's book's value has been reported in the neighborhood of $2 million.

Thus, money isn't likely Bolton's chief motivation. Far more compelling to someone like Bolton is what one might call principled justice. Trump embarrassed Bolton by ignoring his advice and then firing him by tweet (Bolton maintains he quit) for an offense that ought really to make Bolton's point-of-pride list: He objected to Trump's genius idea to host the Taliban at Camp David near the anniversary of 9/11.

So, no, Bolton isn't only selling books. He's saving his legacy – and giving back to Trump as good as he got. Testifying before the Senate might just make his day – in a Dirty Harry kind of way. But the book otherwise will stand when history passes judgment on a man who picked the right side.

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OBITUARIES

Forrest W. Wenman

Sept. 19, 1926 – Jan. 24, 2020

Forrest William Wenman passed away on Jan. 24, 2020, at the age of 93, from complications of a stroke. He was surrounded by family at the home of his daughter, Susan Ivy.

Forrest (aka "Sonny" and "Frosty") was born on Sept. 19, 1926, to John H. and Esther O. (Click) Wenman in Mishawaka, Ind. He attended Beiger School, Battell Elementary School and Mishawaka High School. During his school years he enjoyed playing sports, building and working on mechanical things. He played football and managed the football team for Mishawaka High School. He graduated from high school in 1945.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944 and entered into active service in March of 1945. He trained as an airplane tech in Amarillo, Texas. He served in the Marshall Islands during the atomic bomb tests, in the Bikini Atoll, at Eniwetok. After receiving an honorable discharge in March of 1946, he returned home to work as a security guard at Studebaker Aviation. In 1947, he began his career with I & M Electric (AEP) at the Twin Branch Plant in Mishawaka.

In 1950, he met and married the love of his life, his beautiful bride, Maxine. In the 1950s, they were very involved with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and other social organizations in the community. He was a Democratic precinct committeeman in Mishawaka. He was an avid fan of Notre Dame football and had the privilege of ushering at some of their games.

In 1959, he took an opportunity to be a supervisor at the Breed Plant in Fairbanks, Ind., and moved from Mishawaka to Farmersburg, Ind. He distinguished himself as a capable, hard-working individual, always looking for the best way to accomplish a task. He was recognized for his innovations and got another opportunity in 1970 to become a supervisor at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman. In 1971, he and his family moved to Baroda. After 40 years of service, he retired from AEP in 1987.

During retirement, he and Maxine transported vehicles for Weller Chevrolet in Bridgman. They also enjoyed trips to Las Vegas and various conventions with the Fraternal Order of Eagles ("F.O.E."). They were very involved with the F.O.E. 2083, of which he was a member for over 70 years. He enjoyed reading, home projects, woodworking, building and repairing things. He was also a member of the American Legion and V.F.W. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, particularly at the class reunions, Cook Plant parties, holidays, family reunions and the day before Labor Day parties.

He proudly participated in a 2016 Honor Flight. Forrest was always known for his good humor, knowledge of how things worked and ability to fix things. He was a good provider and excellent role model for his family. He was always there when you needed him. Of all his accomplishments, his family and friends were most important to him. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Forrest was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Hazel Jean (Frank) Lorence; and beloved wife, Maxine, in 2009.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan (Lynn) Ivy; son, Forrest (Ingrid) Wenman Jr.; grandchildren: Sherilynn (Dan) Mahan, Carlton (Sheryl) Pinkston, Daniel (Cathe) Pinkston, Sarah (James) Forbes, Cassandra (Chad) Sultz and Jakob Wenman; numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; neighbors and dear friends; and best friend, the "brother he never had," Tom (Jeannie) Hayes. A special thanks to Ken and Judy Ward for all their help and care.

Visitation will be conducted at Bubb Funeral Chapel, 3910 N. Main St., Mishawaka, from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, with a service at 11 a.m. He will be laid to rest in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, 10776 Mckinley Hwy., Osceola, Ind., immediately following the service, with military honors provided by the VFW 360/American Legion 161 Burial Team. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Doris (Wyant) Versaw

Nov. 6, 1928 – Jan. 30, 2020

Doris (Wyant) Versaw, 91, of Sodus went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, 245 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, with the Rev. Dan Golladay officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to the Napier Parkview Baptist Church or Child Evangelism Fellowship of Berrien County. Those wishing to sign Doris's guest book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Doris was born Nov. 6, 1928, in Cass County, to Clarence and Anna (Sommer) Wyant. On Jan. 17, 1948, she married Robert Versaw at Clay Street Baptist Church. She was a farmer, first as a child and then with Robert, growing fruit at the farm in Sodus Township that has been in the family for over 160 years. Doris loved children and taught 4- and 5-year-olds in junior church for 32 years and Pioneer Girls. She also drove a bus for Berrien Intermediate Schools for 16-plus years. Doris was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, 4H and the Jr. Farm Bureau.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Sharon Versaw of Sodus; son-in-law, Randy Rumble; sister-in-law, Donna Wyant; special friends: Earl Kugle, Ray Watts, Gentry Phillips, Phil Webb, Jim and Mary Jean Barsuhn, Barbie Kosachuk, Betty Oatsvall, Irene Adams and Dina Layman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; daughter, Bonnie Rumble; sister, Hazel Hinkle; and brothers, Oscar, Harry and Victor Wyant.

Eric 'Pete' Alan Braley

Aug. 7, 1959 – Jan. 26, 2020

Eric "Pete" Alan Braley, 60, of St. Joseph passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, at his home in St. Joseph. He was born Aug. 7, 1959, in Kalamazoo, to William and Loretta (Kuehl) Braley.

The family will receive guests from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the funeral home, proceeding to North Shore Memory Gardens for burial. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stevensville.

Eric worked for 23 years for Berrien County as a press operator in the printing department. He was a long-time member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stevensville. Eric enjoyed riding his unicycle and listening to his extensive music collection. You'd often find him tinkering with computers or spending time with his family, who will miss him dearly.

Eric is survived by his children, Karyn and Kevin Braley; his mother, Loretta Braley; his siblings, Mark (Sharon) Braley, Sharna (Terry) Pelkey and Laura (Adam) DeKreek; eight nieces and nephews; and two great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father.

Clarence 'Doc' Tillman

July 12, 1937 – Jan. 19, 2020

Clarence "Doc" Tillman, 82, of Benton Harbor departed this life Jan. 19, 2020.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 1, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Clarence was born on July 12, 1937, to John Henry Tillman and Callie Cooper. He spent time in both Peoria, Ill., and Chicago until he settled in Benton Harbor.

Clarence was an easygoing guy who loved to joke with everyone. You could always find him hanging out at Angelo's or playing cards with the guys. Any time the weather was nice, he enjoyed going fishing.

Clarence is survived by his son, Junior Crane; stepdaughter, Alfreda Morgan; sister, Gloria Jean Tillman; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, John Henry Tillman and Callie Cooper; sisters, Nancy Davenport, Leola Rakin and Susie Horton; brothers: Lester Tillman, Preston Tillman, Clemont Tillman, Lee Jerry Tillman, Wilson Tillman and Robert Tillman; two additional siblings, twins with unknown names; and stepdaughter, Beverly Morgan.

For 1st time in 4 years, U.S. life expectancy rises – a little

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Life expectancy in the United States is up for the first time in four years.

The increase is small – just a month – but marks at least a temporary halt to a downward trend. The rise is due to lower death rates for cancer and drug overdoses.

"Let's just hope it continues," said Robert Anderson, who oversees the report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The latest calculation is for 2018 and factors in current death trends and other issues. On average, an infant born that year is expected to live about 78 years and 8 months, the CDC said.

For males, it's about 76 years and 2 months; for females 81 years and 1 month.

For decades, U.S. life expectancy was on the upswing, rising a few months nearly every year. But from 2014 to 2017, it fell slightly or held steady. That was blamed largely on surges in overdose deaths and suicides.

Suicides continued to increase in 2018, as did deaths from the flu and pneumonia during what turned out to be an unusually bad flu year. But declines in some other causes of death – most notably cancer and drug overdoses – were enough to overcome all that, according to the report.

Cancer is the nation's No. 2 killer, blamed for about 600,000 deaths a year, so even slight changes in the cancer death rate can have a big impact. The rate fell more than 2 percent, matching the drop in 2017.

"I'm a little surprised that rapid pace is continuing," said Rebecca Siegel, a researcher for the American Cancer Society.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, Janiya Buchana, 12:02 p.m. Jan. 28.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, Chelsey and Ted Eisbrenner, 10:02 a.m. Jan. 27.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, Nikkol Jennings and Tevin Bennett, 8:09 a.m. Jan. 24.

Berrien Springs – Girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, Nadege and Samuel Adamou, 2:03 a.m. Jan. 26.

Lawrence – Girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, Sarah and Cody Preston, 5:30 p.m. Jan. 26.

New Buffalo – Girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, Shelbey Watson-Beasley and Jordan Beasley, 4:11 a.m. Jan. 24.

St. Joseph – Girl, 6 pounds, 5.2 ounces, Mary and Jorge Diaz II, 12:56 a.m. Jan. 25.

St. Joseph – Boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, Kristin and Nate Harrington, 3:04 p.m. Jan. 23.

St. Joseph – Boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Lauren and Steve Nelson, 6:20 a.m. Jan. 29.

St. Joseph – Boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Alexandra and Andrew Sarola, 9:34 a.m. Jan. 30.

St. Joseph – Boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, Samantha and Trace Schewe, 4:12 p.m. Jan. 21.

Stevensville – Boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, Julie and Thomas McCool, 1:47 p.m. Jan. 24.

Watervliet – Girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, Dana and Jacob Tenter, 5:14 a.m. Jan. 26.

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center – Mishawaka, Ind.

Stevensville – Girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, Kara and Mike Baldwin, 12:20 a.m. Jan. 8.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Megan Elizabeth Atwood and Connor John Roden, both of Stevensville.

Ortencia Jasmin Johnson of Collinsville, Okla., and Christopher Matthew Jenkins of Berrien Springs.

Brittany Lynn McNitt and Matthew William Culby, both of Berrien Springs.

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Death notices

Eric "Pete" Alan Braley, 60, of St. Joseph died Jan. 26, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Theodore Fosdick, 77, of Edwardsburg died Jan. 29, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Kellie McLean, 54, of Bloomington, Ill., died Jan. 29, 2020, at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Normal, Ill. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Anita K. Moore, 68, of Sodus died Jan. 30, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Doris (Wyant) Versaw, 91, of Sodus died Jan. 30, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Michigan Senate: No permit to protect homes from high water

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A split Michigan Senate voted Thursday to let homeowners and others with property along the Great Lakes temporarily install structures to combat erosion from record-high water levels without needing a state permit.

The legislation, which cleared the Republican-led chamber on a party-line 22-16 vote, was sent to the GOP-controlled House for future consideration.

The sponsor, Republican Sen. Roger Victory of Hudsonville, told a Senate committee last week that people should be able to save their homes "without red tape."

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy announced in October that it was expediting permits for actions such as placing rocks or building seawalls to prevent erosion, so they are issued in a matter of days if homes or infrastructure are at risk. The agency said that in most cases, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also needs to approve applications.

Victory said residents told him that the state's expedited permitting process is "not very quick," and that the department "was trying but coming up short."

Under the bill, a permit would not be required for construction of a temporary erosion-control structure if certain conditions were met. The property owner would have a year-and-a-half to apply for a permit for a permanent structure to replace or remove the temporary structure. The temporary structure would have to be removed within three months if the application were denied.

Officials from the department, which opposes the bill, told lawmakers last week that they take the issue "extremely seriously" and are working to help homeowners during a "very trying time." Steps including rotating regulators from other areas to help with permits and authorizing overtime pay.

Spokesman Nick Assendelft said Thursday the agency often turns around completed shoreline work permits within a couple of days.

"Regulatory oversight through the permitting process is critical to protecting people and natural resources," he said. "That oversight includes approval of which materials are used, how they are used and what the impact will be on neighbors, the Great Lakes and in many cases critical dunes."

Democrats and environmental groups also opposed the bill.

The Michigan Environmental Council said it would let people make drastic and in some cases permanent changes to the Great Lakes shoreline without oversight, threatening the long-term viability of coastal communities.

Parents charged after Chicago boy shot in struggle over gun

CHICAGO (AP) — The parents of a 1-year-old boy who was shot in the head as his parents struggled over a gun inside a Chicago home were each ordered held on Thursday in lieu of $10,000 bond.

Travis McCoy, 26, is charged with felony false alarm to 911 and misdemeanor child endangerment. Adriana Smith, 28, is charged with felony obstruction of justice and misdemeanor child endangerment. Cook County prosecutors say the two were arguing over finding another place to live when the gun went off. The bullet ricochet and hit the boy in the side of the head.

McCoy was arrested Monday after bringing the child to the hospital for treatment. The father told authorities that a gunman had shot the boy on a street nearby. However, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said investigators couldn't find a crime scene.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Fifteen students at Coloma Middle School raised $472 for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation last week. Christine Vanlandingham, community director for the foundation, praised the students for their very successful fund-raiser. "It was the kids idea and a wonderful level of success for a five-day event," Vanlandingham said.

The Coloma Hilltop Food Center matched the "kids helping other kids" funds with an additional $200.

35 years ago – 1985

A bid to have General Motors locate its Saturn manufacturing complex in Niles was made by the Greater Niles Economic Development Foundation and the Cass County Economic Development Corp. They are asking GM to consider a 400-acre industrial park that straddles the Berrien-Cass county line.

A bid for the complex by the Berrien County Economic Development Dept. was reported last week. Saturn will make a decision this spring.

50 years ago – 1970

The Michigan State Police hope to establish a crime lab in western Michigan, according to Capt. Wallace Van Stratt, head of the crime lab in E. Lansing. Other factors come in to play besides money. "Very few people are available to do the work. Training is long and exacting," Van Stratt explained.

Sheriff Nick Jewell stated that establishing a satellite crime lab in the area would avoid delays in getting invaluable help for identification of paint fragments, narcotics and ballistics tests.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2020. There are 335 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 31, 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite, Explorer 1, from Cape Canaveral.

On this date:

In 1863, during the Civil War, the First South Carolina Volunteers, an all-black Union regiment composed of many escaped slaves, was mustered into federal service at Beaufort, South Carolina.

In 1865, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution abolishing slavery, sending it to states for ratification. (The amendment was adopted in December 1865.) Gen. Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of the Confederate States Army by President Jefferson Davis.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice that it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1919, baseball Hall-of-Famer Jackie Robinson was born in Cairo, Ga.

In 1929, revolutionary Leon Trotsky and his family were expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Scattered Snow	Scattered Snow	Isolated Snow	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible
36°	28°	34° / 26°	44° / 36°	43° / 34°	36° / 27°

Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 45% chance of scattered snow, high temperature of 36°, humidity of 80%. South wind 2 to 7 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 45% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 28°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:00 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:58 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:28 a.m.
Moonset ..... Tomorrow

First	Full	Last	New
2/1	2/9	2/15	2/23

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	32°
Low	30°
Normal High	32°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	53° in 2013
Record Low	-19° in 2019

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	3.86"
Normal for month	1.69"
Year to date	3.86"
Normal Year to date	1.69"

Air Quality

Yesterday 41
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

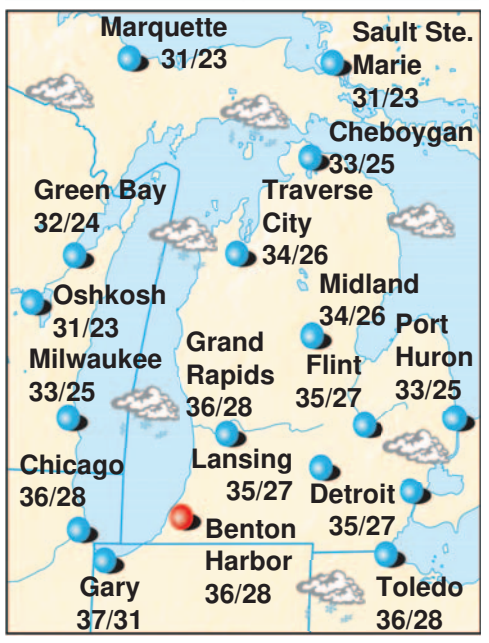
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

Can there be lightning during a snowstorm?

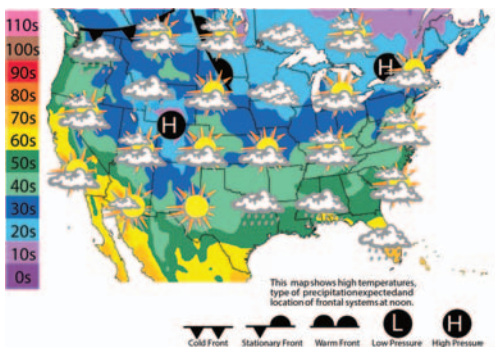
Answer: Yes. Lightning and thunder are common during snowstorms.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 31, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 5 to 7 kt. A chance of snow showers, mixing with rain. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, SW wind 5 to 9 kt. A chance of rain and snow showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered snow showers, highs in the 30s. South wind 2 to 7 mph. Expect cloudy skies Saturday with scattered snow showers, highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 6 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered snow, highs in the 30s. South wind 2 to 7 mph. Expect cloudy skies Saturday with isolated rain and snow, highs in the 30s. North wind 7 to 11 mph.

Prosecutors seek October trial for Loughlin, Giannulli

BOSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors are seeking an October trial for "Full House" actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, on charges that they paid bribes to get their daughters into the University of Southern California.

Prosecutors proposed to a judge in a court document filed Wednesday that the parents fighting the charges in the sweeping college admissions bribery case be split into two or three trials. Prosecutors said they want Loughlin and Giannulli to be tried in the first group of parents in October.

Loughlin and Giannulli are charged with paying $500,000 to get their daughters designated as crew recruits to USC, even though neither of them is a rower. The money was funneled through a sham charity operated by college admissions consultant William "Rick" Singer, who has pleaded guilty to orchestrating the scheme, authorities say.

Loughlin and Giannulli have pleaded not guilty and have not publicly commented on the allegations.

Among the parents who have pleaded guilty to charges in the case is "Desperate Housewives" star Felicity Huffman. Huffman was released from prison in October two days before the end of a two-week sentence. She admitted to paying an admissions consultant $15,000 to have a proctor correct her daughter's SAT answers.

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Bridgman schools closed due to illness

Closure set to expire Sunday evening

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BRIDGMAN — All Bridgman schools are closed and after-school activities cancelled today through 7 p.m. Sunday due to the high number of students with influenza-like illnesses, Superintendent Shane Peters said Thursday.

He said district officials started noticing a high number of absences at the district's three school buildings, starting Monday, and they have been working with officials from the Berrien County Health Department all week.

"We've had 50 to 75 students absent per building ... and we just did not see any breaks," he said. "We've had a great partnership with the health department. They gave us great advice."

Peters said school staff has been disinfecting desks and door knobs in the buildings all week, but the number of students calling in sick has stayed steady.

"We're hoping that these three days will give us a reprieve," he said. "It will allow those who are still sick time to get healthy, those who are rebounding from illness time to rest, and those who have not been sick to remain that way."

Even away sports events have been cancelled.

"We sure don't want our kids to take (the virus) to another district," he said.

Gillian Conrad with the Berrien County Health Department said Bridgman isn't the only school district where students are falling ill, although so far that district has been hit the hardest.

"There's a lot of yucky stuff going around," she said. "It's that time of the year."

Conrad said they are seeing a combination of upper respiratory illnesses and the stomach bug at schools, daycare centers and nursing homes.

One of the biggest problems is when people go to work or school when they are sick.

"By not taking time off when you're sick, you're not only not getting the rest you need so you can heal, but you're spreading the germs to other people," she said.

Conrad said the best way to avoid getting sick is to wash your hands regularly with hot water and soap. She said hand sanitizer helps, but hot water and soap are better.

Conrad said it's also important to disinfect hard surfaces such as door knobs and tables. She said the norovirus that causes what many people call the stomach flu can live on hard surfaces for up to 10 days. She said the bugs that cause respiratory illnesses usually can't live on hard surfaces. Instead, they are spread by close contact when someone sneezes.

"Bottom line – wash your hands, stay home when you are sick and disinfect common areas," she said.

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Unusual sight for January

Don Campbell / HP staff

Fishermen take advantage of an ice-free Lake Michigan as they fish off of Silver Beach this week in St. Joseph.

Market Van Buren summit planned for next week

Leaders want to see a unified economic approach in county

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

PAW PAW — Getting leaders from 30 local governmental units to agree on a unified plan to expand Van Buren County's economy sounds like a tall order to fill, but it's one a regional economic development organization is willing to undertake.

Market Van Buren plans to meet with governmental officials from the county and its townships, villages and cities next Thursday at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence for a Local Economic Development Summit.

"We hope to get people in this county to row together in the same direction and the same rhythm," said Zack Morris, executive director of Market Van Buren. "Think of it as one unit of the county made up of various different parts. We have to work together as a team."

The purpose of the first get-together of county municipal leaders is to let them know what programs and funding are available to assist them in improving their local economies. A representative from the Michigan Economic Development Commission plans to be at the summit to talk with municipal leaders, as well.

Market Van Buren also plans to offer participants a panel discussion about the need for reliable, high-speed internet for the county's rural areas.

Morris thinks high-speed internet is one of the most important economic development issues facing the county.

"If we want to accelerate the economy we're going to need high-speed internet to attract companies and the workforce," Morris said. "People need to be able to access the internet from work, home and school."

With the pending closure

See **SUMMIT**, page B2

That nice TV in your home could pose a danger

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

Photo provided / U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's latest report on tip-over injuries and fatalities shows that since 2000, 459 children in America have died from tip-over incidents involving furniture or televisions or both. Children between the ages of six months and 5 ½ years suffer the most tip-over related fatalities.

SOUTH HAVEN — As Americans get ready to sit in front of their big screen TVs for Sunday's Super Bowl, a government agency hopes stay-at-home football fans will make sure those TVs are properly secured.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has released its latest report showing that every 43 minutes a child in the U.S. is injured from a TV or furniture-related tip-over incident. Worse, since 2000, 459 children in America have died from tip-over incidents.

The report comes on the eve of the Super Bowl, a popular time not only to watch the big game, but to buy a big new TV to view it.

"The two-week period leading up to the Super Bowl is one of the most popular times for purchasing the newest, largest and smartest flat screen TVs on the market, as retailers offer deals and football fans prepare to cheer on their team," said CPSC Commissioner Dana Baiocco in a news release. "We want to remind everyone to take a moment to make sure that your brand new – or not so new – TV is stable, properly mounted, or anchored to the wall to avoid any tip-over accidents."

CPSC's latest report on TV, furniture, and appliance tip-over accidents shows that thousands of consumers visit emergency departments annually seeking treatment for injuries related to TV and furniture tip-overs. No age group is left out. Children between the ages of six months and 5 ½ years, however, suffer the most tip-over related fatalities. They accounted for nine out of every 10 deaths.

in South Haven in 2017, Bronson South Haven Hospital treated 29 children and teens between the ages of 0-19 for tip-over related accidents, according to Pam Ford, coordinator of Safe Kids Greater South Haven at Bronson Wellness Center.

Serious injury from a TV is possible, according to experts.

"Imagine being tackled by a Super Bowl linebacker after he gains speed and hits you as hard as he can. That's effectively what happens to a small child who gets hit with a falling TV, a piece of furniture that tips, or both," Baiocco said. "We also know that many older Americans grab onto TV sets to steady their balance but suffer contusions, lacerations and broken bones when the TV falls." Exposed cords and wires between outlets and the screen also create hazards.

To avoid tip-over incidents, the CPSC is urging the following advice:

■ Do not to place TVs – whether new or not-so-new – on bedroom furniture, dressers, and particularly, children's or nursery furniture.

■ Never leave or store items, such as toys or remotes, above TVs or on top of furniture where children might be tempted to climb on the furniture or TV trying to reach them.

■ Secure the TV cables and cords and keep them out of a child's reach.

■ If you go to someone else's home during the Super Bowl, especially if children will be playing in another part of the home or away from the adult game-watchers, check to make sure that there are no TV and/or furniture tipping hazards in that area that could be especially dangerous to unattended or wandering children, including small appliances, like microwaves, which might be positioned on a movable cart or high-top table.

■ For more information on these and other safety tips, including how to position and anchor TVs and furniture, visit www.anchorit.gov or www.cpsc.gov.

Furniture tip-over facts

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's latest report on tip-over injuries and fatalities, issued in November 2019:

■ 459 children have died from tip-over incidents since 2000 in the United States.

■ 67 percent of child tip-over fatalities since 2000 involved children between 1 and 3.5 years old.

■ On average 12,500 children have been injured and treated at an emergency room due to furniture and TV tip-over incidents each year from 2016 to 2018.

■ About every 43 minutes a child in the U.S. is injured from a TV or furniture tip-over incident.

■ About every 12 days someone dies in the U.S. when a television, a piece of furniture or an appliance falls on him.

Van Buren asked to contribute to rail project in Berrien, Cass counties

Project would allow more flexibility for rail passengers

By ROD SMITH
HP Correspondent

PAW PAW — Van Buren County commissioners are being asked to contribute $5,000 toward a study for railroad track construction in Berrien and Cass counties.

The Western Michigan Intercity Passenger Rail Connectivity and Expansion Initiative calls for building a track connection in New Buffalo and a parallel track between Niles and to a point northeast of Dowagiac. The intent of the New Buffalo connection is to allow Pere Marquette travelers to get off at New Buffalo and possibly catch trains heading toward Kalamazoo, Lansing, Detroit and Port Huron.

The Pere Marquette runs from Grand Rapids to Chicago with stops at Holland, Bangor and St. Joseph.

The connections would solve such problems as, according to Ronald DeCook, of East Lansing-based DeCook Governmental Policy and Strategies, Grand Rapids passengers who want to go to Detroit, but now have to go all the way to Chicago before they can board an eastbound train, "which limits people's desire to want to take the train."

The connection in New Buffalo would allow them to change trains there and save miles of backtracking and money.

The hope is to promote economic development, tourism and increased ridership. "This could be a great way to bring people to the communities for festivals and tourism and things like that," DeCook told commissioners.

The second part of the plan is to build a parallel track – called "double-tracking" – between Niles and Glenwood Road, northeast of Dowagiac. According to the plan the additional 16 miles of track will increase capacity, safety and allow for more operational flexibility, while at the same time getting trains to their destinations faster.

New Buffalo had been a Pere Marquette stop until 2009. After that the station was torn down. The new station, which is on a CSX and not Amtrak line, does not connect to the Pere Marquette line, but does connect to the Blue Water and Wolverine route, which head eastward in the state and are on Amtrak lines. The new New Buffalo track would be laid to connect the Pere Marquette to the new station.

DeCook is asking local governments to chip in $5,000 toward the match for a TIGER grant from the

See **RAIL PROJECT**, page B2

Homeowners stranded due to erosion, no road access to property

By KATE CARLSON
Holland Sentinel (TNS)

SAUGATUCK — Dan Keller told the Saugatuck Township Planning Commission on Monday about how he has to walk a quarter of a mile to get to his car in the morning, due to the road he lives on being closed because of erosion.

Keller is one of about a dozen residents with property on Lakeshore Drive in Saugatuck Township where the road is closed. A sinkhole that measures about 10 feet wide and 8 feet deep is continually expanding on a section of the street, near M-89. The road was closed Nov. 27.

Lynee Wells, Saugatuck zoning administrator and planning consultant, explained to the planning commission at the Jan. 27 meeting that the Lakeshore Drive erosion was on the agenda to have a discussion about possible next steps.

Wells said the commission could consider limiting new building permits in the area, or look at the land use map.

"We're still kind of at square one," said Commissioner Ed Welk. "There has been no progress and the sinkhole continues to deteriorate."

Commissioners and people who spoke during public comment were more concerned with immediate solutions for neighbors in the area.

"It's a serious issue," Keller told commissioners during public comment. "We need to have access to our property."

Several commissioners and the three Lakeshore Drive residents who spoke at the meeting pointed blame at the county drain under the road, and lack of maintenance to the drain system.

The washout and erosion on Lakeshore Drive and the surrounding area is not caused by lack of maintenance to the drains, said Craig Atwood, managing director of the Allegan County Road Commission.

"It's all caused by high water and erosion from the lake," Atwood said.

The two drains located where the road is currently closed are under the county road commission's jurisdiction, said Joel Morgan, an engineer at the Allegan County Drain Commission.

It is out of his department's jurisdiction, Morgan said, but he explained the erosion of the road is due to high lake levels and high groundwater, coupled with a unique soil structure that creates even more "slippage" than usual. He echoed Atwood in saying the road closure was not a result of lack of maintenance to the drain system.

In order to help homeowners on Lakeshore Drive, the initial approach was to try to get temporary easements necessary to create an alternative route for households, Atwood said. This requires approval from private property owners, which they have not been able to get, he explained.

"We're having a consultant look into it now to see if there are any other possibilities," Atwood said.

One of the main challenges, other than not being able to secure easements from property owners for another route, is the fact that the erosion changes every day, said Saugatuck Township Manager Griffin Graham.

"In terms of what's next, we're going to prioritize safety, looking at short- and long-term access solutions," Graham said. "That's much easier said than done."

The biggest hurdle is a mutually agreed upon route, Graham said. Long-term, the issue will be figuring out the scope of the problem, because it will likely spread throughout the area in the future.

"In terms of erosion being an issue in the township, it's not new, but the severity has changed drastically over the last few months," Graham said. "This is a challenge that communities up and down Lake Michigan are facing

Atwood said they are in "pretty much constant" communication with neighbors directly affected by the sinkhole and erosion to keep them updated.

"It's not something we're trying to ignore," he said.

The Allegan County Road commission is monitoring the situation very closely, Atwood said.

They have told neighbors to contact the road commission office at 269-673-2184 if they see any changes with erosion that need immediate attention, or to call 911 if it is after the commission's office hours.

Grand Valley State coach resigns following his Hitler remarks

By PETER J. WALLNER
mlive.com (TNS)

ALLENDALE — Grand Valley State offensive coordinator Morris Berger, who came under fire for his remarks about Adolph Hitler, resigned Thursday by saying he "mistakenly communicated something absurd."

"There is no justifiable excuse – it was insensitive and not my intent," he said in an open letter posted on Twitter.

The university sent out a press release and Berger followed with his open letter shortly thereafter to mark a sudden end to Berger's employment with Grand Valley State. He had been named OC on Jan. 20.

Berger got into trouble for an interview he did with the Lanthorn, the university's student newspaper. He cited Hitler when asked to name a historical figure he would like to have dinner with.

The remarks drew attention nationally.

"This is probably not going to get a good review, but I'm going to say Adolf Hitler," he said in the story that posted Jan. 23. "It was obviously very sad and he had bad motives, but the way he was able to lead was second – to – none. How he rallied a group and a following, I want to know how he did that. Bad intentions of course, but you can't deny he wasn't a great leader."

He was suspended on Monday and the football program is now looking for another offensive coordinator/quarterback coach.

"Nothing in our background and reference checks revealed anything that would have suggested the unfortunate controversy that has unfolded," Lakers coach Matt Mitchell said in a statement. "This has been a difficult time for everyone. I accepted Coach Berger's resignation in an effort for him to move on and for us to focus on the team and our 2020 season."

In the university's statement, Berger is quoted as saying he was disappointed he would not get to coach the Lakers, but added, "I do not want to be a distraction to these kids, this great university, or Coach Mitchell as they begin preparations for the upcoming season."

Berger was more personal in his online post, saying, "I failed myself, my parents and this university."

"The answer I attempted to give does not align with the values instilled in me by my parents, nor represent what I stand for or believe in," he said. "I mishandled the answer, and fell way short of the mark."

Here's Berger's complete letter:

Berger did not respond to initial efforts for further comment.

A native of Nixa, Missouri, Berger was offensive quality control coach at Oklahoma State for two years (2017–2018) before spending 2019 at Texas State. He was dismissed after the season.

Grand Valley said it will investigate the role the athletic department played in the story. Shortly after it posted on the Lanthorn's web site, it was removed upon request from someone within the athletic department, the newspaper's editor said. The story was subsequently reinstated.

Students highlight racism after group chat incident

SALINE (AP) — Black students at a predominantly white suburban Detroit high school say they are commonly subjected to racist remarks like those that white classmates posted online this week.

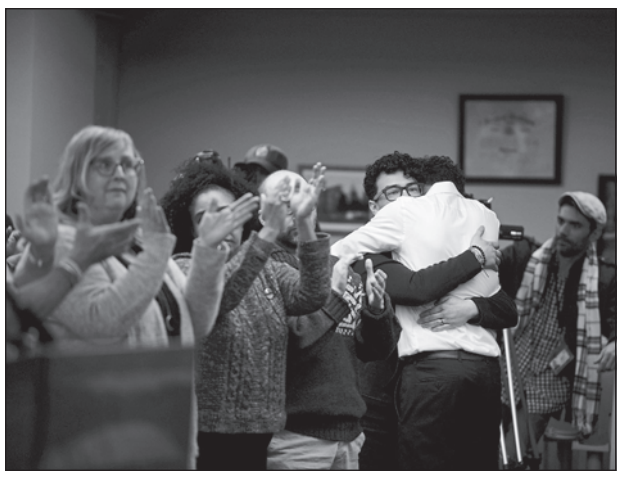
During the Saline board of education's meeting on Tuesday, Saline High School teacher Matt Hamilton read a statement from senior student Noah Nelson, who is biracial. Nelson said that white schoolmates regularly subjected him to racial slurs, both during and outside of school, and that a teacher humiliated him by comparing him to a monkey during class.

"This behavior occurs daily and racist imagery can be found everywhere. Most students and adults don't even realize that what they're saying is racist," Nelson said.

Board President Heidi Pfannes said the community's pervasive racial issues are disappointing.

"It is our responsibility as adults in this community to demonstrate the values we're attempting to teach our children," she said. "If we could each step back and consider how we want our kids to treat one another, we must first look at ourselves in the mirror. Are we being the people we want our kids to be?"

Superintendent Scot Graden said in a letter to parents that the district was made aware of the racist online comments on Monday, calling the comments "disturbing."



Nicole Hester / Ann Arbor News via AP

Matt Hamilton teacher at Saline high school and leader of the diversity council embraces, Drew Campbell after Campbell spoke during a Saline School board meeting on Tuesday at Liberty School in Saline. African American students at a predominantly white Detroit area school district told school board members that racist comments posted online this week by fellow students are disturbing but reflect the kind of insults they commonly face both inside and out of school.

IN BRIEF

Lawsuit blames UP prison for mentally ill man's death

MUNISING (AP) — A mentally ill Michigan prison inmate died of dehydration while being restrained in a chair, according to a lawsuit.

Jonathan Lancaster's death last March at Alger Correctional Facility in the Upper Peninsula was the result of days of neglect by prison medical staff, the lawsuit alleges.

"What makes this case so tragic is that it could have been so easily avoided," said Kevin Ernst, an attorney representing Lancaster's estate.

The state Corrections Department, noting the litigation in federal court, declined to comment Thursday.

Lancaster, 38, was in prison for robbery and gun crimes in Wayne County.

The lawsuit states that he was transferred to an "observation room" at the prison last March after showing bizarre behavior and being found in his cell with feces on the floor. He refused meals and appeared gaunt and pale.

A few days later, according to the lawsuit, the prison made plans to transfer Lancaster for medical treatment. The lawsuit says he died after being left alone and restrained in a chair.

Man arrested after threats made against secretary of state

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP (AP) — A 72-year-old suburban Detroit man was arrested Thursday for making threats against Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Michigan State Police said.

Investigators found the Groveland Township man had left verbal threats on Benson's voicemail and made similar threats to a person in her office, police said. The man was being held Thursday at the Oakland County Jail.

"The charge is making a terrorist threat – when somebody makes a threat of violence towards a facility or a person" 1st Lt. Michael Shaw said.

Shaw said police are not yet revealing the nature of the threats. A news release said weapons were seized from the man's home.

Benson sent out a tweet thanking state police for their quick action.

Woman, 52, charged after part of friend's tongue bitten off

CENTER LINE (AP) — A Detroit woman has been arrested after part of a male friend's tongue was bitten off as they kissed.

Youlette Wedgeworth, 52, was arraigned Wednesday on a misdemeanor aggravated assault charge, according to the Macomb County prosecutor's office.

Police were called to the man's Center Line apartment, north of Detroit, Tuesday to find him bleeding from the mouth and missing an inch of his tongue.

Officers found the missing portion of his tongue in a bedroom. The man was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Wedgeworth was jailed on a $25,000 bond. A Feb. 19 pretrial conference has been scheduled.

Abandoned, capped oil well found on convention center site

MUSKEGON (AP) — A pipe leading to an abandoned and capped oil well has been found by crews building a convention center in western Michigan.

The 6-inch pipe uncovered Tuesday ran "a long way" underground, Muskegon City Manager Frank Peterson told the Muskegon Chronicle.

Changing air pressure caused crude oil to bubble Wednesday afternoon from the pipe, he added.

City officials evacuated subcontractors working on the $20 million convention center from the area around the pipe until the oil could be contained.

There was no public emergency, said Peterson who added that he believes the well is one of hundreds or thousands of old wells throughout the Muskegon area.

Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy was contacted. Environmental contractors and consultants also were summoned to the site.

School's out in Morenci because of bed bug treatment

MORENCI (AP) — Students in a southern Michigan school district are getting a long weekend because of bed bugs.

Morenci schools in Lenawee County are closed Thursday and Friday. The superintendent says a "few" bugs were discovered in the high school Tuesday.

Michael McAran says the district is using a rubbing alcohol spray in buildings as well as dogs that can detect bed bugs.

"I would suggest that this would be a great time to make sure that backpacks, winter jackets, hats, gloves and boots are washed and dried in high heat," McAran told parents.

Morenci is in southeastern Michigan near the Ohio border.

Suit filed to stop seawall that could protect 2 homes

WEST OLIVE (AP) — A group of western Michigan homeowners are fighting a seawall that could prevent two houses from tumbling into Lake Michigan.

The wall will interfere with their ability to co-use the neighborhood's shared beach area, according to some members of the Dunes Homeowners Association in West Olive.

They've asked an Ottawa County Circuit Court judge to block construction of a rock revetment wall along the lakeshore, WOOD-TV reported.

Owners of the homes in danger of falling from an eroding bluff say the wall could save their houses and would only overlap a small section of the beach area, according to court documents obtained by the television station.

Homeowners on both sides of the issue declined to comment on the lawsuit. A trial is expected to start Tuesday.

RAIL PROJECT

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U.S. Department of Transportation. The acronym stands for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

If it becomes reality, the project's total cost is estimated at $70.8 million. Of that, $2 million would cover the connection within New Buffalo, including the study and design. The remainder is the double-tracking between Niles and Glenwood Road.

So far the project has received resolutions or letters of support from Dowagiac, Niles, Grand Valley Metro Council, the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, Amtrak, Michigan Department of Transportation, Michigan Senate and Michigan House of Representatives. MDOT, according to the report, has agreed to apply $14.1 million toward the matching funds for the project.

Van Buren County commissioners intend to take the matter up again at their Feb. 11 meeting.

SUMMIT

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of Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in 2022, it is more important than ever for local leaders to take more of a countywide approach to encourage job growth and increased property tax revenue, according to Morris and other economic development leaders who were at a media roundtable on Wednesday hosted by Market Van Buren.

Approximately 600 jobs and $6 million in property tax revenue will be lost when Palisades closes. The blow will be softened somewhat because of a steady devaluation of the plant's property assessments, and the gradual loss of Palisades workers as decommissioning of the facility occurs over time. But the county, overall, will still take a loss, according to County Administrator John Faul.

"A $6 million problem is not going to be solved with a $5 million solution," Faul said regarding the lost tax base. "It will take a lot of small steps," he said.

Although Van Buren governmental officials worry about the closing of Palisades, the county's economy has been humming along, according to Morris.

"Our unemployment rate is around 3.5 percent, the lowest it has been in 21 years," Morris pointed out.

"There are currently 22,366 total payrolled jobs in Van Buren County. That represents total payrolled job growth of 2 percent over the last five years, with 405 new jobs."

Morris went on to say that over the next five years, 919 new payrolled jobs are expected in Van Buren County for a 4 percent increase. The majority of the anticipated job growth will be in health care and life science research-related industries.

Nearly 650 more individuals are now employed in the county from the same time last year, and the county's estimated labor force participation rate stands at 59.1 percent – .6 percent higher than the 2018 rate of 58.5 percent, according to the Michigan Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives.

The county's median household income has increased 11.9 percent from 2017 to 2018, according to latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau. The median income is now estimated at $59,295 vs. $52,971 as of the last estimate.

However, the county still has more work to do to encourage ongoing economic development.

Over the next year, Market Van Buren has set the following goals:

- Create a countywide economic development plan;
- Develop more industrial sites in the county;
- Supplement the current Revolving Loan Fund-raising;
- Push for county-wide high-speed internet connectivity;
- Develop a county Business Connect program;
- Form an Economic Development Organization.

MARKETS

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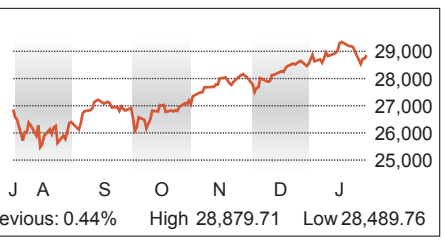

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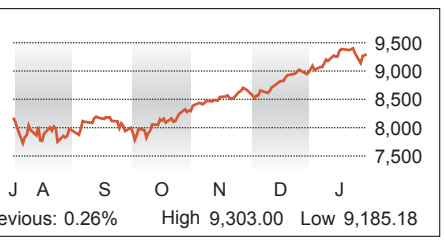

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Whirlpool WHR
$152.79 **+3.37 +2.3%**
▲ **4-wk.** +2.9% ▲ **YTD** +3.6%

LocalStocks

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AEP	AEP	78.15	103.14	104.10	+1.29	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	153.66	327.85	323.87	-.47	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	848.39	1274.41	1086.58	-9.93	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	35.73	45.38	37.03	-.14	-0.4	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	51.13	67.96	68.07	+.76	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	44.42	57.87	58.86	+1.85	+3.2	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	34.67	47.74	44.14	+.82	+1.9	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	161.11	+.95	+0.6	▼	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	137.81	+1.75	+1.3	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	86.04	119.71	87.61	+1.50	+1.7	▼	▼	▼
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IBM	IBM	126.85	152.95	136.77	-.92	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
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MillerHer	MLHR	32.86	49.88	39.56	-.13	-0.3	▼	▼	▼
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Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	60.48	57.87	-.77	-1.3	▼	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	33.97	44.56	37.07	-.13	-0.3	▼	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	96.34	127.00	125.95	+.89	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	75.03	95.18	95.73	+1.26	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	14.45	23.02	19.05	+.15	+0.8	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	174.84	223.45	213.83	+3.15	+1.5	▼	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	35.96	47.71	43.25	+.95	+2.2	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	69.07	130.24	114.67	+.40	+0.4	▲	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	82.62	114.25	93.83	-1.19	-1.3	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	92.65	125.31	108.00	-7.76	-6.7	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	53.02	62.22	59.36	-.17	-0.3	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	71.71	99.70	100.61	+1.92	+1.9	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	93.35	125.38	116.58	+.69	+0.6	▲	▼	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	49.03	74.95	51.95	-.33	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	22.84	21.91	-.13	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	152.79	-1.31	-0.9	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	37.93	+.40	+1.1	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	96.20	89.92	+.21	+0.2	▼	▲	▲

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold from $24-26, Golden Delicious sold for $36, Fuji sold lower for $31, Pink Lady brought $38-40, Gala sold for $32-33, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold from $48-50. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $22, while Golden Delicious brought $23, Gala sold for $23-24, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3-inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: Pyramid cartons/crates 11-pound bunched standard size from Peru sold from mostly $30-31, while large white bunched brought $30-31.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold steady from $18-20, with hand-picked offerings higher from $26-28.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 6-ounce cups with lids of medium-large berries from Mexico and Peru sold lower for $14, while fine appearance offerings from Mexico brought $24. Strawberries in flats of eight 1-pound containers medium size from California of fine appearance sold lower for $24.50, with offerings from Florida sold from $24-24.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold sharply lower for $17, with organic offerings lower for $36.50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Texas sold slightly lower for $13-15, while red offerings sold higher for $22.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher for mostly $41-43, with organic offerings higher for mostly $37-38.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color from Florida sold higher from mostly $26-28.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold slightly lower from $40-41, with large $37-38, and carton 24s sold lower from $16-16.50. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico sold higher for $33-35.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of 24-count eggs from Mexico sold steady from mostly $16-18.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold lower from $18-20, while organic offerings brought $40.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size Hamlin juice oranges sold for $23.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Florida green jumbos and extra-large sold lower from $14-16, with large $12. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for $21, serranos brought $22, while extra-large poblano sold from $20-22 and medium Hungarian wax sold for mostly $19-20.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Mexico sold slightly lower from $34-36 with medium size mostly $34-35, and yellow straightneck small-medium sold higher for $42. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of medium size acorn sold for $20 with butternut $24.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold lower for $36, while offerings from Mexico of 4x5 size were lower for $25. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Florida sold from mostly $9-10, with offerings from Mexico sold from $16-18. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Florida sold from $20-22, while Mexico offerings brought $16-18. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold lower from $20-22, with large size $16-18.

Michelob Ultra via AP

Wrestler John Cena, left, and talk show host Jimmy Fallon in a scene from Michelob Ultra's 2020 Super Bowl NFL football spot. Michelob Ultra stresses its low calories and low carbs in an ad that shows Fallon and Cena working out.

Drinkers want fizz, low carbs, and Super Bowl ads reflect it

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

DETROIT — When Americans crack open a cold one during Sunday's Super Bowl, it might not be a traditional domestic beer.

Sales of classic beers like Bud Light have been dropping for nearly a decade as new choices hit the shelves. First, it was a host of craft beers. Now, there are fizzy, fruit-flavored hard seltzers like Truly, canned margaritas and vodka tonics and wine spritzers.

Baby Boomers are also drinking less, while younger, more health-conscious consumers want drinks with fewer carbs and calories, analysts say. Some think the legalization of marijuana is also cutting alcohol consumption.

It's a reality reflected in this year's Super Bowl ads. Michelob Ultra stresses its low calories and low carbs in an ad that shows talk show host Jimmy Fallon and wrestler John Cena working out. Its organic sibling, Michelob Ultra Pure Gold, promises to create more organic farmland for every six-pack sold. Anheuser-Busch is having fans choose between two ads that feature singer Post Malone sipping a fruity new Bud Light Seltzer.

While it can't advertise nationally during the Super Bowl because of Anheuser-Busch's sponsorship rights, Molson Coors will air an ad regionally for its new Saint Archer Gold beer, a competitor to Michelob Ultra. The ad prominently features Saint Archer's low carb and calorie count.

It's a different tone than 2010, when drinkers partied in three separate Bud Light Super Bowl ads, or even 2018, when small band of villagers fought to get to a stack of Bud Light in the the goofy "Dilly, Dilly" ads.

"People are just getting bored with the regular beer," said Aga Jarzabek, research analyst with the consulting firm Euromonitor International. "There are not that many new consumers to seduce when there's so many more interesting things on the sidelines."

U.S. sales of domestic premium beer brands like Budweiser, Miller and Coors dropped 4 percent in 2019 to $12.4 billion, according to Nielsen, which tracks retail sales in groceries and other stores. That's nearly $2 billion less than in 2015.

The last time sales rose in the category was 2012, said IWSR Drinks Market Analysis, a data firm.

At the same time, sales of hard seltzers like White Claw jumped more than 200 percent to $1.5 billion. Sales of spirits like whiskey and tequila were up 5 percent to $15.4 billion.

Big beer companies are introducing new products to keep consumers in the fold. Bud Light Seltzer matches market leader White Claw with 100 calories and 2 grams of carbohydrates. By comparison, Bud Light has 110 calories and 6.6 grams of carbs.

Pabst introduced a low-alcohol version of Pabst Blue Ribbon in 2018, followed last year by a hard seltzer and a spiked coffee.

Miller parent Molson Coors Brewing Co. recently changed its name to Molson Coors Beverage Co. to better reflect new drinks like Movo wine spritzers and La Colombe hard coffee. Next week it releases Blue Moon Light Sky, a 95-calorie beer brewed with tangerine peels.

Classic beer's attempts to focus on health have flopped before, though. During last year's Super Bowl, Bud Light ran ads mocking its rivals – Miller Lite and Coors Light – for using corn syrup in their brewing process, suggesting that made Bud Light healthier.

But sales of Bud Light fell even faster than sales of Miller Lite or Coors Light last year, just as they had the year before, according to data from Beer Marketer's Insights, an industry publication. Molson Coors sued Anheuser-Busch over the ads and the two companies scrapped plans to work together on a campaign to promote beer.

Robert F. Bukaty / AP

The waterfront in Portland, Maine, is pictured Jan. 22. The economy expanded at a 2.1 percent rate in the final quarter of 2019.

U.S. economy grew modestly last quarter against a hazy outlook

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy expanded at a moderate 2.1 percent annual rate in the final three months of 2019, capping a year when a weak global landscape and a sharp pullback in business investment resulting from President Donald Trump's trade fights combined to slow growth.

The fourth-quarter rise in the gross domestic product – the economy's total output of goods and services – matched the third-quarter gain, the government said Thursday. For all of last year, economic growth – 2.3 percent – was the weakest since Trump's election in 2016.

The picture that emerged Thursday from the government's first estimate of growth in the October-December quarter was a mixed one: Consumers kept spending, but they have grown more cautious. Incomes are rising but at a slower pace. Most alarmingly, businesses have been sharply reducing their investment as Trump's ongoing trade fights have heightened uncertainty for corporations.

At the same time, low interest rates, low inflation and a robust job market have given consumers and home buyers the means to keep fueling steady, if only modest, growth. Global risks – including potentially severe economic damage from China's viral outbreak – will continue to overhang the economy. But they're also likely to persuade the Fed to keep interest rates low and perhaps even further reduce them if the threats to the economy escalate.

Many economists saw Trump's decision to lower trade tensions by signing a Phase One agreement with China as key to lowering the risk of a recession this year.

"The economic fundamentals are very solid right now," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC. "Some of the downside risks that the Federal Reserve had been concerned about have faded now that we have a Phase One trade deal."

Lawrence Kudlow, head of the president's National Economic Council, said Thursday he expects GDP growth will be helped in the coming year by the new trade deal with Canada and Mexico, and the commitments by the Chinese to boost purchases of U.S. exports.

"China has to work its way through this health crisis, but I think once that abates, you will see big export" gains, Kudlow told reporters at the White House.

For the October-December quarter, growth was supported by solid but slower consumer spending and an improvement in the trade deficit. Those factors offset a further drop in business investment in new plants and equipment and a slowdown in businesses' restocking of store shelves.

Hummer is making a comeback

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — The Hummer, once a gas-guzzling target for environmentalists, is making a comeback. But this time around it won't burn fuel or spew greenhouse gases.

General Motors announced Thursday that it will start selling a battery-powered Hummer pickup truck in September of 2021. At least part of the new Hummer will be shown in a 30-second television ad featuring basketball star LeBron James during the second quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl.

GM gave only a few details about the truck, which will be unveiled officially on May 20. It will have a huge battery to generate the equivalent of 1,000 horsepower, and will be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds. The Hummer also will produce 11,500 foot pounds of torque, a measure of rotational force that indicates a high towing capacity.

The truck will be sold under the GMC brand as the Hummer EV. The new version will have similar design elements but will not look like the Hummer of the past, said GM spokeswoman Michelle Malcho.

GM wouldn't reveal the price or say how far the new truck can go on a single charge of its battery.

Although the electric Hummer truck is expected to be a large vehicle and its efficiency isn't yet known, it's still very likely it will pollute less than a comparable gas-powered truck, said David Reichmuth, a senior engineer with the Union of Concerned Scientists.

hp HEALTH

Have news for 'Health'?

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MEDICAL PEOPLE

Smyth completes geriatric certification

CASSOPOLIS — Cassopolis Family Clinic Network physician Andre Smyth, D.O., has passed the geriatric medicine certification exam from the American Board of Family Medicine, according to a news release.

SMYTH

Board certified in family medicine, Smyth joined the medical staff at Cassopolis Family Clinic in August.

Originally from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, he obtained his doctorate of osteopathic medicine from Michigan State University followed by a family medicine residency in Orange Park, Fla., and a geriatric fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta.

"I wanted to pursue a geriatric medicine fellowship to further develop my skills as a clinician in a population that is ever expanding and is in need a more providers," he said in the release. "This certification will help in my current role to consult with other providers within our Community Health Center and also as the medical director at the Cass County Medical Care Facility."

Smyth is currently accepting new patients of all ages.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 445-3874.

Items for Medical People should be sent to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, faxed to 429-4398 or emailed to focus@TheHP.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 8, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 9, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.
- 2-6:30 p.m. Feb. 11, St. John's Lutheran Church, community life center, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda.
- 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 12, Brandywine High School, library, 1700 Bell Road, Niles.
- Noon-7 p.m. Feb. 12, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

American Red Cross

- Noon-5:45 p.m. Feb. 11, Wesley United Methodist Church, 302 Cedar St., Niles.
- Noon-5:45 p.m. Feb. 12, Lions Club, 227 CR 665, Paw Paw.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 112 pounds.

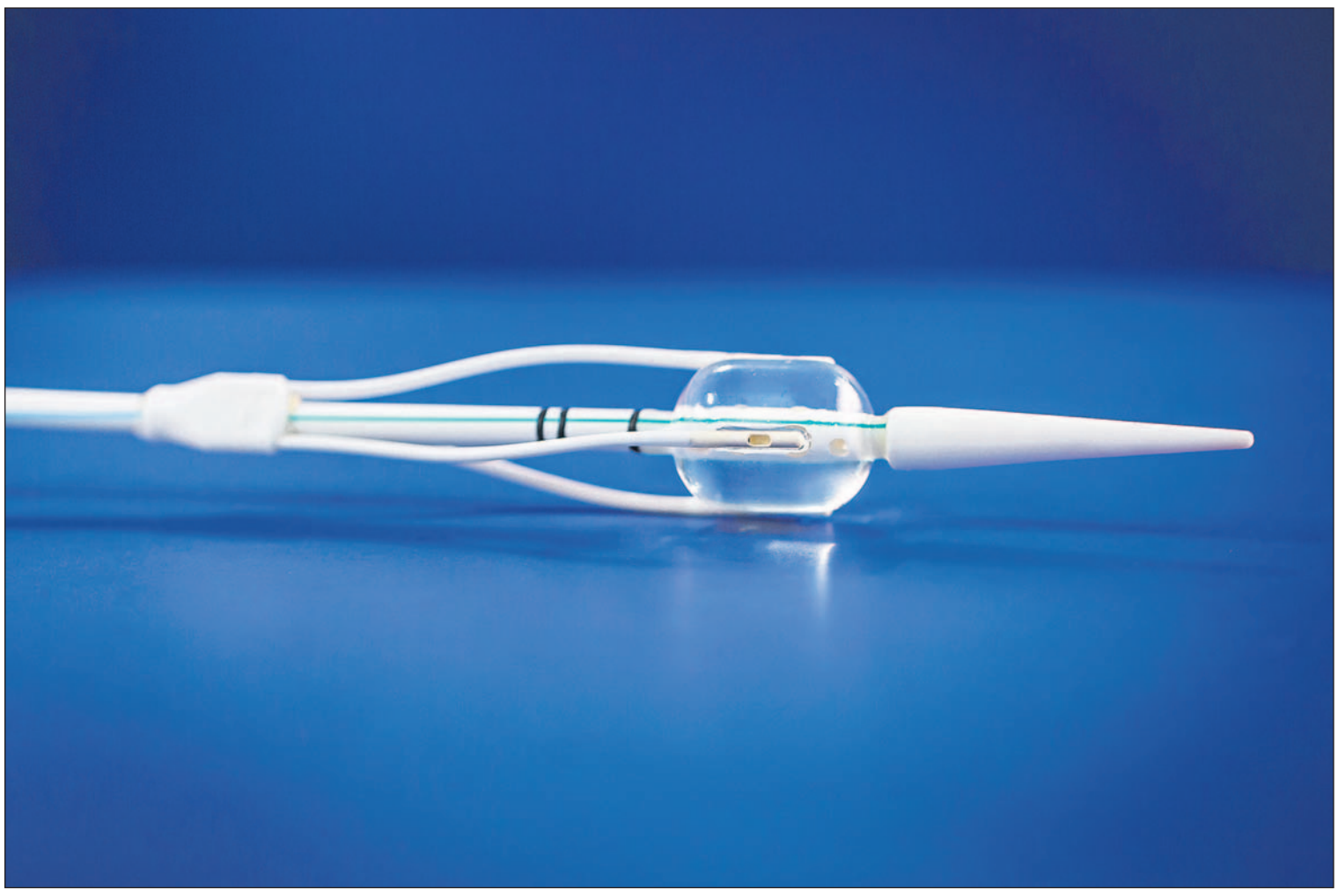

Photo provided / Fractyl Laboratories / TNS

This catheter from Fractyl Laboratories is used in duodenal mucosal resurfacing, an endoscopic procedure being tested in people with Type 2 diabetes.

Could Type 2 diabetes be managed with a simple outpatient procedure?

By STACEY BURLING
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Gregory Ginsberg, a Penn Medicine doctor, is exploring a new frontier in the treatment of Type 2 diabetes.

He's co-leading a clinical trial at Penn that is testing whether killing cells on the inner surface of the duodenum – the first part of the small intestine immediately past the stomach – can lead to better control of blood sugar in people with diabetes.

Preliminary work done in South America and Europe has found that the outpatient, endoscopic procedure called duodenal mucosal resurfacing (DMR) reduced A1C, a long-term measure of blood sugar; reduced the need for insulin; and reduced liver fat in people with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.

While not a cure, the procedure could allow patients with diabetes to take fewer drugs, and is another sign, Ginsberg said, that cells in the duodenum play an important role in the body's metabolic communication system.

Penn is now one of five U.S. institutions participating in a small pilot study of the procedure. Results are not yet available, but Ginsberg said the previous research has made him hopeful that he is studying a "transformative" procedure.

"This research is compelling because it harnesses the untapped potential of the luminal digestive tract in the management of health and disease," Ginsberg said. "Moreover, it is provocative in its application of minimally invasive endoscopic therapy to treat a metabolic condition."

The procedure had its genesis in observations about the impact of gastric bypass surgery, which creates a new path for partially digested food that bypasses the duodenum entirely.

Obese patients who are diabetic and undergo the procedure often see big improvements in markers of diabetes even before they lose a lot of weight, Ginsberg said. That has triggered interest in whether the duodenum is involved in signaling other parts of the body about the need for insulin, a hormone involved in allowing your cells to use blood sugar for energy. It's part of a relatively new avenue of research into the role the gut plays in metabolism.

"The gut is really a frontier in diabetes research," said Raymond Soccio, a Penn endocrinologist who studies fatty liver disease and is not involved in the study.

In Type 2 diabetes, cells develop insulin resistance, which means they don't respond properly to the hormone. (In the much less common Type 1, an autoimmune condition, the body stops making insulin.)

Insulin resistance is an important factor in Type 2 diabetes, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease – most obese people with Type 2 have this – and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS).

Soccio said bile acids, which are involved in the absorption of fat and fat-soluble vitamins, cycle between the duodenum and the liver.

"They also seem to have important signaling and other functions in the liver related to diabetes and insulin resistance that we don't fully understand," he said.

Ginsberg said cells in the duodenum become enlarged and dysfunctional after years of exposure to unhealthy diets rich in fat and sugar. DMR uses a catheter to deliver a balloon filled with 176-degree water to the duodenum.

During the 60-minute procedure, Ginsberg uses the balloon to ablate, or burn, cells in 3/4-inch segments over 4 inches of the duodenum. The hypothesis is that, when they grow back, the cells send more normal metabolic signals, Ginsberg said.

Patients in the study's control group undergo a sham procedure that includes everything but the heated water.

The catheter was developed by Fractyl Laboratories Inc., in Lexington, Mass. Its studies abroad are looking at the impact of the procedure on diabetes, fatty liver disease and PCOS.

The company has approval to begin marketing its procedure in Europe, said Harith Rajagopalan, Fractyl's co-founder and CEO. It announced this week that the procedure would first become commercially available in the United Kingdom as part of a partnership with HCA Healthcare UK.

A cardiologist who earned a doctorate studying the genetics of colon cancer, Rajagopalan wondered why so many of his heart patients had diabetes. He also had a personal interest in the disease because his father had it.

When he and his co-founder saw what bariatric surgery could do for diabetes, they thought that "insulin resistance may be a disease of the gut lining," he said.

About 10 years ago, they began exploring the idea that the gut lining could be renewed in much the way that a chemical peel can make your skin look younger.

He sees Fractyl's research as "starting to pull a thread" that connects diseases that have, until recently, largely been studied and treated separately.

Results released last year from studies abroad showed the procedure is not a cure. One study found that average A1C, a measure of average blood sugar over three months, dropped from 8.5 percent to 7.5 percent after two years. Normal is less than 5.7 percent. Another small study found that 13 of 16 patients were able to stop taking insulin.

While the reduction in A1C seems small, Rajagopalan said it is enough to avoid taking a third drug and to significantly reduce the risk of problems associated with diabetes-related damage to small blood vessels, and issues such as kidney failure, eye disease and peripheral neuropathy.

Studies also found reductions in liver fat of 32 percent to 45 percent after the procedure. There are currently no drug treatments for fatty liver disease, Rajagopalan said. The reduction from DMR is about what most medications currently being tested are shooting for and "very few are actually attaining."

Rohit Soans, a bariatric surgeon at Temple University Hospital who is not involved in DMR research, said bypass surgery typically has much greater impact. The procedure cures diabetes in 83 percent of patients, he said, and reduces liver fat by almost 90 percent.

"The effect on diabetes is literally almost magical," he said.

But he still found the Fractyl results "pretty promising." Insurance companies make it hard for patients to qualify for bariatric surgery, he said, so some patients might welcome a less invasive alternative. He wants to see longer-term data on results and safety. He pointed out that half of patients in a DMR study published last year had side effects, most considered mild.

Penn has so far attracted only three patients to the trial. The goal for all five centers is 18. To be eligible, patients must have poorly controlled diabetes despite being on metformin and one other drug. They can't be taking insulin. Their body mass index needs to be between 28 and 40 and they must be younger than 65.

Anastassia Amaro, medical director of Penn Metabolic Medicine and principal investigator for the trial at Penn, said the "extremely strict" rules have slowed recruitment.

"There is huge interest from patients and people with diabetes," she said. "We receive phone calls daily."

She is intrigued by the results from other countries and the "out-of-the-box thinking" of the investigators.

Soccio also said DMR is "promising" and he'd like to know more about how it works. As a clinician, he wonders which patients will benefit most from it.

There are many medications for diabetes, he said, and most people can get it under control. It can be a lot of work, though, and some may like the idea of a procedure that works for months or years.

"That would appeal to some people," he said.

IN BRIEF

Surgeons to discuss weight loss options

The Lakeland Weight Loss Center will host a pair of free seminars, "Lose Weight ... Find Health," next month.

The first seminar will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday in the community conference room at Lakeland Medical Suites, 42 N. St. Joseph Ave., Niles.

The second seminar will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 19 in the community room at Caring Circle, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph.

A bariatric surgeon will discuss programs available for losing weight and maintaining a healthy weight for years to come.

The Lakeland Weight Loss Center works with each patient to create a customized lifestyle plan through bariatric surgery, diet and nutrition counseling, and monthly support groups.

For more information, or to register, visit lakelandweightlosscenter.com/events or call 687-4673.

Free pre-diabetes class set in Niles

NILES — Spectrum Health Lakeland will host a free program designed to help anyone with higher-than-normal blood sugar levels learn about lifestyle changes that may help them avoid or delay the onset of diabetes.

The class will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday in the Buchanan Health Resource Library at Lakeland Hospital, Niles, 31 N. St. Joseph Ave.

During the first hour, a registered nurse will guide attendees through the disease process of diabetes and introduce healthy lifestyle changes.

The second hour will be spent with a registered dietitian, who will suggest meal selections that can help attendees maintain health and manage weight.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, about 190 million adults in the United States are overweight and obese.

This program does not require a physician referral, however, registration is required as class size is limited.

For more information, or to register, call 556-2868.

Lakeland to offer free screenings, health coaching

The public is invited to attend one of Spectrum Health Lakeland's upcoming neighborhood-based health home events.

There will be free blood pressure screenings during the events, and a clinical educator will be on-site for personal health coaching sessions.

Events will be from 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 7 at Gateway Plaza, 251 Cass St., Niles; and 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Catholic Community Center in Benton Harbor.

Attendees can meet with a resident physician and participate in a discussion about key medical topics.

Walk-ins will be welcomed.

For more information, call 556-2808.

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Kathy Willens / AP

Brooklyn Nets forward Wilson Chandler (21) drives against Atlanta Hawks guard Allen Crabbe (33) during the second half of a game on Jan. 12.

Wilson Chandler recalls trouble guarding Kobe Bryant

By STEFAN BONDY
New York Daily News (TNS)

NEW YORK — Benton Harbor graduate Wilson Chandler was both excited and petrified about playing Kobe Bryant.

It was only Chandler's second season in the league, and the former New York Knick was checking into the game with Bryant already in one of those grooves.

"I was like, I don't know if I want to go in this game," Chandler recalled. "He's kind of hot right now. He had that look in eyes, when he grinds his teeth."

Bryant dropped 61 points against the Knicks that night, setting the Madison Square Garden record while Spike Lee egged him on like he used to with Reggie Miller. Sunday will be the 11th anniversary of Kobe's virtuoso Madison Square Garden performance. And Chandler, who guarded him for much of that night on Feb. 2, 2009, wanted Lee to hush up.

"It was at the Garden so you got Spike on the side talking s---, you got people in the stands talking s---," Chandler, who now plays with the Nets, said. "I'm thinking, damn, just leave him alone. It was like it never ends."

Bryant dropped 34 points in the first half and 15 points in the fourth quarter. His final stat line: 37 minutes, 19-of-31 shooting, 20 for 20 from the foul line. Chandler logged 31 minutes with 20 points.

Carmelo Anthony broke the record five years later while scoring 62 points, but Kobe's mark still stands as

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Chandler's stats

Wilson Chandler is averaging 6.8 points, 4.4 rebounds and 20.5 minutes per game in 18 games this season for the Brooklyn Nets.

Lions' Golladay ready for big payday

By DAVE BIRKETT
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

MIAMI — Kenny Golladay's rapid rise from third-round draft pick to one of the best wide receivers in the NFL has left observers convinced of one thing: The Detroit Lions need to sign Golladay to a contract extension this offseason or risk his price tag skyrocketing even more.

"They better hurry up and pay Kenny," NFL Network analyst James Jones said Thursday at Super Bowl 54. "Very, very fast because the longer you wait to pay Kenny, the higher the price goes."

Golladay, a late addition to last week's Pro Bowl as an alternate, led the NFL with 11 touchdown catches this season and topped 1,000 yards for the second straight year.

He emerged as the Lions' No. 1 receiver in 2018, and dominated this season despite playing with three different quarterbacks. Matthew Stafford made it through just eight games because of a back injury, leaving Jeff Driskel and David Blough to finish the season.

"He's not a 1B dude, he is a true No. 1," former Lions receiver Nate Burleson said. "You don't find guys like that that can run the routes that he can run, but also are aggressive with their hands."

Burleson, who played the 2010-13 seasons with the Lions, compared Golladay to 11-time Pro Bowler Larry Fitzgerald.

"I actually saw him in Orlando," Burleson said. "I was down there shooting something separate and we were talking about getting that Pro Bowl call. I think he said he was actually in Miami and then he got the call and shot right over to Orlando. But it's funny, as soon as he walked up to me, it's like I forgot how big he is. Like when you watch him, he's so fluid that you kind of assume he's maybe around

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Renewing the tussle

Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Emier Dyes struggles against Lakeshore's Jonathan Gelesko during their 130 pound match on Jan. 15. Gelesko won the match.

Lakeshore, Niles to fight for county wrestling title

Greater Berrien County Wrestling Invitational

Where: St. Joseph High School

When: 9:30 a.m.

Admission: $5

Teams competing: Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs, Brandywine, Buchanan, Cassopolis, Coloma, Constantine, Decatur, Dowagiac, Eau Claire, Edwardsburg, Lakeshore, Lawton, Marcellus, Niles, River Valley, St. Joseph, South Haven, Watervliet

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

Lakeshore is hoping to reclaim the county wrestling title from defending champion Niles.

Nineteen area wrestling teams will descend on St. Joseph High School on Saturday morning for the Greater Berrien County Wrestling Invitational.

Lakeshore finished as runner-up last season to Niles. The Lancers last won in 2017.

"It's been a two-way battle with Niles over the years," Lakeshore coach Bruce Bittenbender said. "What we have to do is score in more than seven weight classes. We've been a good dual meet team, but when it comes to tournaments like this, we're coming in second and third. We're going to have some champions, but we also need guys to place fourth and fifth to give us the points we'll need to win."

The invitational will feature a rematch between Niles' Michael Robles and St. Joseph's Nolan Wertananen, the No. 1 and No. 2-ranked wrestlers in the 103-pound weight class according to Michigan Grappler.

The two wrestlers faced off earlier in the season, with Robles handing Wertanen his only loss of the season.

"(Nolan) gave up a last-second takedown in that loss," St. Joseph coach Taylor Misel said. "He's looking forward to that rematch. It's not every day the top-ranked wrestlers in a weight class are from the same area."

Lakeshore's Cameron Litaker (125; 6th), Aaron Lucio (119; 7th), Micah Hanau (130; 5th), Shane Williams (135; 2nd), and Zeke Rohl (215; 9th) rank in the top ten of the latest Division 2 rankings.

According to Bittenbender,

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Djokovic beats ailing Federer at Australian Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic was wondering, right along with everyone else, what sort of shape Roger Federer would be in for their Australian Open semifinal.

At age 38, despite dealing with a painful groin muscle and coming off a draining five-setter, Federer came out just fine, it seemed, and soon was up 4-1 and love-40, holding a trio of break chances as Djokovic served.

Didn't last. Federer couldn't sustain that level. Neither his body nor Djokovic would let him.

Casting aside a bit of a poor start during the rivals' 50th meeting, Djokovic stretched his Grand Slam winning streak against Federer to six in a row with a 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3 victory Thursday night that earned the defending champion a record eighth trip to the final at Melbourne Park.

"Today was horrible, to go through what I did. Nice entrance. Nice sendoff. And in between, it's one to forget, because you know you have a 3 percent chance to win," Federer said, adding that he discussed beforehand with his team how bad things would need to get for him to stop playing. "Once you can see it coming, that it's not going to work anymore, it's tough."

Djokovic now leads their head-to-head series 27-23, including 11-6 at majors. Federer hasn't beaten him at one of the sport's four most important tournaments since 2012.

"I just want to say, respect to Roger for coming out tonight. He was obviously hurt," Djokovic said. "Wasn't at his best."

The No. 2-seeded Djokovic will try to collect a record-extending eighth Australian Open title on Sunday against No. 5 Dominic Thiem or No.

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Lee Jin-man / AP

Novak Djokovic celebrates after defeating Roger Federer in their semifinal match at the Australian Open on Thursday.

IN BRIEF

Bridgman athletic events postponed

Bridgman High School has postponed several athletic events due to absences caused by illness.

Bridgman's scheduled girls basketball game at Buchanan was not played Thursday. It will be made up at 6 p.m. Feb. 5.

Today's boys basketball game at Buchanan has been postponed until 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18.

Bridgman's home boys basketball game against Lake Michigan Catholic scheduled for Feb. 18 has been moved to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24.

No. 5 Louisville blows out ND women

SOUTH BEND (AP) — The No. 5-ranked Louisville women's basketball team easily defeated Notre Dame 86-54 victory on Thursday.

Katlyn Gilbert scored 18 points and Sam Brunelle had 17 points for the Irish (7-14, 2-7),

AIRWAVES

Television today

9:30 a.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Morocco Champions, Second Round. (Live)
12:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **FIS Snowboarding** World Cup: Slopestyle. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Grand Prix. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Second Round. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **FIS Freestyle Skiing** World Cup: Halfpipe. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Grand Prix. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Notre Dame at Penn State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** VCU at Rhode Island. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Toronto Raptors at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** Baylor at Texas. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (50) **AHL Hockey** Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (26) **High School Basketball** West Ashley at Fort Dorchester. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Penn State at Iowa. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (Showtime) **Boxing** ShoBox: The New Generation. (Live) CC
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Portland Trail Blazers at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live)
3:30 a.m. (ESPN) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Women's Championship. (Live) CC
4:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Saudi International, Third Round. (Live)

Saturday

7:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Leicester City FC vs Chelsea FC. (Live)
8:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Women's Championship. (Same-day Tape)
9:00 a.m. (46) **High School Football**
(Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Morocco Champions, Final Round. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** Mainz 05 vs FC Bayern Munich. (Live) CC
9:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Liverpool FC vs Southampton FC. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Xavier at Seton Hall. (Live) CC
12:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Indiana at Ohio State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Ole Miss at LSU. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Georgia Tech at Notre Dame. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Creighton at Villanova. (Live) CC
12:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Premier League Soccer** Manchester United FC vs Wolverhampton Wanderers FC. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Connecticut at Memphis. (Live) CC
(17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
(Bigten) **College Wrestling** Rutgers at Michigan. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Third Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **Pro Bowl Skills Showdown** (Taped)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Louisville at NC State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Kansas State at West Virginia. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** DePaul at Marquette. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Providence at Butler. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Northern Iowa at Evansville. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Third Round. (Live) CC
(5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** ISU European Championships. (Taped)
(7) (13) (41) (57) **College Basketball** Oklahoma State at Oklahoma. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Texas Tech at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** TCU at Baylor. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Florida State at Virginia Tech. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Rutgers vs Michigan. (Live) CC
(FS1) **PBA Bowling** Greater Jonesboro Open. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** Fordham at Dayton. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **FIS Snowboarding** Land Rover U.S. Grand Prix: Halfpipe Finals. (Taped)
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kentucky at Auburn. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Houston at Cincinnati. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **Boxing** Yordenis Ugas vs. Mike Dallas Jr. - Prelims. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** St. Louis at Saint Joseph's. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Nebraska. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** New York Rangers at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (50) **AHL Hockey** Manitoba Moose at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Duke at Syracuse. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Bradley at Loyola-Chicago. (Live)
(FS1) **Boxing** Yordenis Ugas vs. Mike Dallas Jr. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Arizona Coyotes. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **Motocross Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Oakland. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Purdue at Northwestern. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Saint Mary's (Calif.) at BYU. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Colorado at USC. (Live) CC
3:30 a.m. (ESPN) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Men's Championship. (Live) CC
4:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Saudi International, Final Round. (Live)

Radio today

5:45 p.m.
High school basketball — Lakeshore at Portage Central doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
7:15 p.m.
High school basketball — South Haven at Otsego (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

Saturday

1 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan State at Wisconsin (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
4:30 p.m.
College basketball — Rutgers at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
8:15 p.m.
High school basketball — Benton Harbor at Ypsilanti Lincoln ((WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Wyndham Clark shoots 10-under 61 to lead Phoenix Open by 2 shots

By JOHN NICHOLSON
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Wyndham Clark beat darkness – and everyone else Thursday at TPC Scottsdale.

Playing in the second-to-last group off the 10th tee, Clark shot a career-best 10-under 61 to take the first-round lead in the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

He had eight birdies in a 10-hole stretch from No. 12 to No. 3, added two more on Nos. 7 and 8 and putted out for par on No. 9 just after sunset.

"I hit a lot of fairways and I just gave myself a lot of looks and the putter was hot," Clark said.

Clark was a stroke off the course record of 60 set by Grant Waite in 1996 and matched by Mark Calcavecchia in 2001 and Phil Mickelson in 2005 and 2013.

The 26-year-old former University of Oregon player is in his second full season on the tour. He missed the cuts the last two weeks, shooting 69-79 last week at Torrey Pines.

"I actually played really well the last two weeks," Clark said. "I just wasn't making putts. I wasn't capitalizing."

Billy Horschel was second, holing nearly 200 feet of putts in an afternoon 63.

"I looked on the leaderboard and saw I was at 8 under and I saw Billy Horschel was, too," Clark said. "I said, 'Man, he's going to rain on my parade.' So, kind of to myself I said, 'All right, let's go get past him.'"

Horschel had an eagle and six birdies.

"Any day you shoot 8 under, no bogeys, you can't complain," Horschel said.

He had the big putting day after working with instructor Todd Anderson.

"We made a couple changes, a couple tweaks to the putting stuff that was a little off," Horschel said.

J.B. Holmes was another stroke back after a roller-coaster start – highlighted by a hole-in-one – and big finish in the morning wave. He won the event in 2006 and 2008 for his first PGA Tour titles.

"I like playing in the desert. I just enjoy being here," Holmes said. "The greens are always usually in great shape. They're in great shape this week – they're quick, they're firm."

The long hitter from Kentucky played the first five holes in even par, following a double bogey on the second, with a birdie on the third, the ace on the fourth and a bogey on the fifth. He used a 7-iron on the 175-yard fourth.

"I didn't feel like everything was going my way, so I wasn't thinking it was actually going to go in," Holmes said. "But I hit it up there. I knew it was a good shot, and I thought I'm going to have a short putt for birdie and then it disappeared."

Holmes birdied the final three holes and seven of the last 10, hitting to 4 feet on 16 and 17 and closing with a 25-footer. He fought right elbow pain, seeking treatment from his trainer at the turn.

"It's been hurting a little bit more lately than it normally does," Holmes said.

Tom Hoge, Harris English, Bud Cauley and Byeong Hun An shot 65, and Nate Lashley, K.J. Choi, Sungjae Im, Adam Long and Hudson Swafford were at 66.

Jon Rahm opened with a 67. He can jump from No. 3 to No. 1 in the world with a victory, provided top-ranked Brooks Koepka – tied for 48th in the Saudi International after an opening 70 – finishes out of the top four.

"I'll take four days of playing tee to green as good as I did today," Rahm said.

The former Arizona State star wore maroon and gold shoes in honor of late Sun Devils and Cardinals football player Pat Tillman.

Playing partner Justin Thomas played the 16th in a Kobe Bryant jersey from the late Lakers great's high school days at Lower Merion in Pennsylvania.

"I've played a lot of golf in that, believe it or not, so it felt pretty comfortable," Thomas said.

The fourth-ranked Thomas shot 68 following a two-week break. He opened the year at Kapalua with his second victory of the season, then missed the cut in Honolulu.

Hideki Matsuyama, the 2016 and 2017 winner, matched Rahm with a 67 in the threesome with Thomas.

Defending champion Rickie Fowler had seven bogeys in a 74. Jordan Spieth also shot 74, making four bogeys. Bubba Watson, playing alongside Spieth, bogeyed two of his last three for a 69.

Gibbs brings Stewart, Labonte into NASCAR Hall

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Joe Gibbs was still reeling from the death of his oldest son when he arrived at last year's Daytona 500. Then, on a magical Sunday for his team, his drivers went 1-2-3 in the biggest race of the year to kick off a tribute season to the late J.D. Gibbs.

J.D. GIbbs died last January at age 49 from complications with a long battle with a degenerative neurological disease. Just a month later, the season began for Joe Gibbs Racing without its co-founder. But the loss was an inspiration all year for the organization, which won a modern-day record 19 of the 36 Cup Series races, a second Cup title for Kyle Busch and then saw Joe Gibbs elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Gibbs, already an NFL Hall of Famer, will be inducted Friday night alongside Tony Stewart and Bobby Labonte, two drivers who helped him build one of NASCAR's top teams while combining to win three of the organization's five Cup titles.

"You couldn't write a book and have this happen," Labonte said of the Gibbs trio's induction together. "I just sit back and reflect on the times with Joe and it's awesome we're all three going in at the same time. You just couldn't ask for anything better than that."

Waddell Wilson and the late Buddy Baker round out the Hall of Fame's 2020 class of five.

Gibbs was a three-time Super Bowl winning coach of the Washington Redskins when he secured an $800,000 loan before the 1992 season to start a NASCAR team with his two sons. He landed Interstate Batteries as a sponsor – a backer that remains with JGR to this day – and hired Dale Jarrett to drive.

"He sat (us) down and said, 'Look, I've borrowed $800,000 and that's all I'm borrowing. If we can't make this thing get up and going … I'll shut this down and chalk it up to a bad investment. But hopefully we make it happen,'" said Jarrett, a Hall of Famer himself. "And he has built this 500-plus employee business up from literally 18 people that first year and an $800,000 loan. It's just incredible."

Jarrett in 1993 won the Daytona 500, the first of 176 Cup victories for the Gibbs team.

Then came Labonte in 1995. He spent 11 years driving the No. 18 for Gibbs and in 2000 gave the organization its first Cup championship. Stewart was hired for the No. 20 in 1999 and added titles for Gibbs in 2002 and 2005.

Success seemed easy on the track, but Gibbs was kept busy. Among other things, Stewart had an explosive temper that led to meltdowns after poor races. Gibbs recently joked he'd run to the team hauler in an attempt to mitigate the damage if Stewart had a bad race.

Stewart never really mellowed, but used the tools he learned from Gibbs to leave in 2008 to become part owner of Stewart-Haas Racing. Although Stewart was a driver/owner through 2016, he does not believe he could have made the transition into ownership had he not grown up in the Gibbs organization.

"I learned a lot from this guy in the years I was there," Stewart said. "I've said it a million times, if I didn't work for him, I wouldn't be where I'm at now. I wouldn't be doing the things that I'm doing now. I wouldn't be in debt like I am now. And I blame it all on Joe."

Gibbs, 79, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1996 for his success with the Redskins. An ardent supporter of his former team, he recently counseled Ron Rivera to take the head coaching job in Washington after Rivera was fired by the Carolina Panthers.

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BOYS SWIMMING

ST. JOSEPH 110, BATTLE CREEK CENTRAL 68

200 Medley Relay – St. Joseph (Brody Martin, Troy Burrow, Andrew Moyer, Ayden Moyer) 1:46.64; 200 Freestyle – Owen Faulkner (SJ) 2:01.34; 200 IM – Ayden Moyer (SJ) 2:06.98; 500 Freestyle – Nathan Barfuss (SJ) 24.87; Diving – Jacob Maynard (SJ) 198.75; 100 Butterfly – Luke Crawford (SJ) 1:02.24; 100 Freestyle – Barfuss (SJ) 55.68; 500 Freestyle – Haunhorst (SJ) 5:51.33; 200 Freestyle Relay – BC Central 1:42.55; 100 Backstroke – Jonah Cox (SJ) 1:02.10; 100 Breaststroke – Wyatt Bloch (BCC) 1:11.66; 400 Freestyle Relay – St. Joseph (Ethan Orrison, Luke Hartfield, Trevor Cool, Josh Breikreuz) 4:07.54.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

DECATUR 52, HARTFORD 10

103 – Ernesto Rodarte (H) by forfeit; 112 – Double void; 119 – Brett Clausen (D) p. Jorge Liborio-Davila 0:24; 125 – Armando Garcia (H) by forfeit; 130 – Andrew Confer (D) p. Tim Dumont 1:51; 135 – Romeo Lopez (D) by forfeit; 140 – Jesus Hurlado (D) m.d. Jose Rios 17-6; 145 – Double void; 152 – Double void (H -2 points for unsportsmanlike conduct); 160 – Peyton Ebeling p. William Candelerio 0:48; 171 – Jared Checkley (D) p. Mason Garner 0:47; 189 – Jonathan Camarillo (D) p. Angel Rocha) 0:18; 215 – Chandler Babcock (D) p. Alex Francisco 0:47; 285 – Kenny Mann (D) p. Ernesto Rodriguez 0:52).

DECATUR 48, EAU CLAIRE 30

130 – Andrew Confer p. Miguel Sanchez 1:37; 135 – Romeo Lopez (D) p. Anthony Perkins 0:30; 140 – Jesus Hurlado (Decatur) p. Bruce Franklin 0:43; 160 – Ray Deltoro (EC) p. Payton Ebeling 5:45; 171 – Jared Checkley (D) p. Blake Waldrop 0:55; 189 – Chandler Babcock (D) p. Rick Deltoro (EC) 2:33; 215 – Jonathan Camarillo (D) p. Ryan Dunn (EC); 285 – Kenny Mann p. Charles Dunn 0:46.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL

WHIRLPOOL UNITED – Ken Conrad 687 (261), Mike Wyman 677 (268), Jasen Stoll 669 (236), Ben Brotzki 620 (227), Paul Koth 614 (212). Team scores: Hi Chargers 2671 (919), Humpday Hurlers 2553 (887).

COLOMA LANES

THURS. IND. – Jim Davis 750 (278), Danny Gulliver 746 (257), Dave Scheuer 721 (269), Jerry Price 719 (266), Mike Darling 695 (257), Brad Flowers 666 (234), Kylee Punches 655 (245), Mike Moss 645 (259), Jason Trapp 645, Bryan Angelo 641 (300). Team score: Gage Towing 3,161 (1,104).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today

Boys basketball

Portage Northern at St. Joseph, 7
Lakeshore at Portage Central, 7
Mattawan at Niles, 7
Covert at Lawrence, 7
Dowagiac at Sturgis, 7:15
South Haven at Otsego, 7:15
New Buffalo at Countryside, 7:30
River Valley at Howardsville Christian, 7:30
Berrien Springs at Brandywine, 7:30
Watervliet at Fennville, 7:30
Coloma at Martin, 7:30
White Pigeon at Decatur, 7:30
Eau Claire at Marcellus, 7:30
Hartford at Centreville, 7:30
Bangor at Bloomingdale, 7:30
Redhawk Showcase at GR Union
Benton Harbor vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 5

Girls basketball

Portage Northern at St. Joseph, 5:45
Lakeshore at Portage Central, 5:45
Mattawan at Niles, 5:45
Dowagiac at Sturgis, 6
South Haven at Otsego, 6
New Buffalo at Countryside, 6
Covert at Lawrence, 6
River Valley at Howardsville Christian, 6
Watervliet at Fennville, 6
Coloma at Martin, 6
White Pigeon at Decatur, 6
Eau Claire at Marcellus, 6
Hartford at Centreville, 6
Bangor at Bloomingdale, 6

Saturday

Girls basketball

Lake Michigan Catholic at Michigan Lutheran, 5

Boys basketball

Lake Michigan Catholic at Michigan Lutheran, 6:30

Wrestling

Greater Berrien County Invite at St. Joseph, 9

Boys swimming

St. Joseph at Allegan Inv., 9

Competitive cheer

St. Joseph at Kalamazoo Central Inv.
Coloma at SAC Championship, 4
Dowagiac at Sturgis Inv., 10

College basketball

Grand Rapids CC at LMC women, 1
Grand Rapids CC at LMC men, 3

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Thursday's boys scores

Barrack Hebrew, Pa. 51, Renaissance 44
Beal City 62, Roscommon 59
Blissfield 76, Ida 52
Brooklyn Columbia Central 57, Hudson 39
Chassell 72, Republic-Michigamme 43
Erie-Mason 70, Onsted 67, OT
Ferndale 56, Lake Orion 44
Houghton 52, Calumet 32
Iron Mountain 80, Westwood 47
Kinde-North Huron 67, Owendale-Gagetown 27
Lake City 61, Leroy Pine River 54
Lakeside 73, Albion 35
Landmark 51, Michigan School for the Deaf 19
Madison Heights Lamphere 52, Center Line 39
Mancelona 68, Houghton Lake 65
Manton 61, McBain Northern Michigan Christian 35
Marquette 60, Kingsford 47
McBain 74, Evart 43
North Muskegon 57, Mason County Central 48
Oakridge, 74, Hart 40
Port Huron Northern 45, Fraser 39
Ravenna 60, Montague 42
Whitehall 53, Shelby 30
Wyoming Potter's House Christian 73, Zion Christian 46

Girls

Adrian Madison 54, Clinton 45
Athens 41, Colon 25
AuGres-Sims 37, Atlanta 21
Auburn Hills Avondale 74, Birmingham Seaholm 30
Austin Catholic 39, Detroit Cristo Rey 19
Battle Creek St. Philip 35, Burr Oak 34, OT
Bay City All Saints 41, Akron-Fairgrove 11
Beaverton 39, Harrison 34
Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 44, Manistee Catholic Central 37
Brighton Charyl Stockwell 51, Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner 33
Cadillac 53, Traverse City Central 34
Cedarville 47, DeTour 29
Clare 66, Shepherd 24
Clawson 41, Madison Heights Lamphere 16
Clinton Township Clintondale 28, Madison Heights 21
Coleman 20, Carson City-Crystal 19
Dearborn Heights Star International 55, Dearborn Heights WISE 2
Deckerville 47, Kingston 26
Detroit Central 57, Detroit West Side 10
Detroit Comm & Media Arts 39, Detroit Collegiate Prep 30
Detroit Renaissance 72, Detroit Cody 30
Detroit Southeastern 34, Hope of Detroit 32
Eastpointe East Detroit 58, New Haven 35
Ellsworth 45, Alanson 35
Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 34, Fraser 22
Flat Rock 54, Riverview 42
Fowler 61, Portland St. Patrick 53, 2OT
Gaylord St. Mary 54, Fife Lake Forest Area 32
Gladstone 52, Manistique 44
Gladwin 45, Sanford-Meridian 30
Grass Lake 67, East Jackson 16
Grosse Ile 54, Milan 40
Grosse Pointe North 53, Port Huron Northern 50, OT
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 49, Frankel Jewish Academy 6
Gwinn 40, West Iron County 32
Hancock 61, Lake Linden-Hubbell 6
Hanover-Horton 40, Addison 26
Hartland 72, Plymouth 23
Hillman 38, Hale 26
Hillsdale Academy 46, Jackson Christian 39
Ironwood City Gogebic Michigan 52, Butternut, Wis. 43
Kingsley 70, Frankfort 42
Laingsburg 45, Bath 21
Lakeview 57, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 42
Leland 44, Buckley 27
Mackinaw City 49, Wolverine 29
Macomb Dakota 42, Warren Cousino HS 23
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 45, Warren Fitzgerald HS 12
Mancelona 35, Johannesburg-Lewiston 28
Maple City Glen Lake 60, Benzie Central 32
Maplewood Baptist 52, Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy 32
Mason County Eastern 41, Bear Lake 17
Merrill 48, Ashley 6
Mesick 39, Brethren 23
Michigan Center 80, Vandercook Lake 8
Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 49, Breckenridge 31
Napoleon 33, Manchester 27
North Dickinson 67, Stephenson 43
Onaway 64, Central Lake 45
Onekama 70, Suttons Bay 39
Ontonagon 55, Wakefield-Marenisco Gogebic 32
Oscoda 55, Mio-Au Sable 18
Painesdale Jeffers 64, Republic-Michigamme 20
Peck 54, Mayville 29
Petersburg Summerfield 34, Morenci 27
Petoskey 35, Alpena 33
Pinconning 74, Farwell 40
Posen 38, Fairview 35
Reese 63, Cass City 37
Romeo 49, Sterling Heights 16
Royal Oak Shrine 52, Gabriel Richard Catholic 21
Sandusky 43, Brown City 18
Saranac 34, Fulton-Middleton 21
St. Catherine 47, Ann Arbor Greenhills 24
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 57, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 42
St. Clair Shores South Lake 30, Roseville 26
Traverse City West 50, Gaylord 43
Ubly 60, Marlette 27
Utica 32, Sterling Heights Stevenson 15
Warren Lincoln 55, Hazel Park 50
Warren Mott 58, Warren Woods Tower 24
Waterford Our Lady 60, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 36
Westland John Glenn 42, Dearborn Fordson 41
Wyoming Potter's House Christian 34, Zion Christian 33

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	34	14	.708	—
Boston	32	15	.681	1½
Phila.	31	18	.633	3½
Brooklyn	20	26	.435	13
New York	13	36	.265	21½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	32	15	.681	—
Orlando	21	27	.438	11½
Washington	16	31	.340	16
Charlotte	16	32	.333	16½
Atlanta	13	36	.265	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	41	6	.872	—
Indiana	31	17	.646	10½
Chicago	19	31	.380	23½
Detroit	17	32	.347	25
Cleveland	13	36	.265	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	29	18	.617	—
Houston	29	18	.617	—
Memphis	24	24	.500	5½
San Antonio	21	26	.447	8
New Orleans	19	29	.396	10½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	32	15	.681	—
Utah	32	15	.681	—
Oklahoma City	29	20	.592	4
Portland	21	27	.438	11½
Minnesota	15	32	.319	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	33	14	.702	3½
Phoenix	20	27	.426	16½
Sacramento	17	30	.362	19½
Golden State	10	39	.204	27½

Wednesday's Games

Indiana 115, Chicago 106, OT
Brooklyn 125, Detroit 115
Memphis 127, New York 106
San Antonio 127, Utah 120
Portland 125, Houston 112
Oklahoma City 120, Sacramento 100

Thursday's Games

Washington 121, Charlotte 107
Toronto 115, Cleveland 109
Atlanta 127, Phila. 117
Boston 119, Golden State 104
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers
Utah at Denver

Today's Games

Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phila. at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	51	29	10	12	70	169	135
Tampa Bay	50	30	15	5	65	181	142
Florida	49	28	16	5	61	183	163
Toronto	51	27	17	7	61	186	170
Montreal	52	23	22	7	53	160	162
Buffalo	51	22	22	7	51	148	160
Ottawa	50	18	23	9	45	138	169
Detroit	51	12	35	4	28	109	199

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	51	34	12	5	73	185	151
Pittsburgh	50	31	14	5	67	168	136
N.Y. Islanders	49	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	51	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	50	29	18	3	61	159	132
Philadelphia	50	27	17	6	60	158	150
N.Y. Rangers	48	23	21	4	50	158	159
New Jersey	50	18	24	8	44	135	182

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	51	31	12	8	70	164	141
Colorado	49	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	50	28	18	4	60	131	127
Nashville	50	24	19	7	55	169	168
Chicago	51	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	51	25	22	4	54	152	160
Minnesota	50	23	21	6	52	156	166

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	51	29	18	4	62	170	152
Calgary	52	27	19	6	60	143	155
Edmonton	50	26	18	6	58	158	157
Arizona	53	26	21	6	58	150	145
Vegas	52	25	20	7	57	161	159
San Jose	52	22	26	4	48	136	174
Anaheim	50	20	25	5	45	128	156
Los Angeles	52	19	28	5	43	130	164

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Thursday's Games

Montreal 3, Buffalo 1
Nashville 6, New Jersey 5, SO
Los Angeles 3, Arizona 2, OT

Today's Games

Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Columbus at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Australian Open
Thursday's Results
Melbourne, Australia
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

Men's Singles
Semifinals

Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3.

Women's Singles
Semifinals

Sofia Kenin (14), United States, def. Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, 7-6 (6), 7-5.
Garbine Muguruza, Spain, def. Simona Halep (4), Romania, 7-6 (8), 7-5.

Men's Doubles
Semifinals

Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (11), Britain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin and Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Luke Saville and Max Purcell, Australia, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Filip Polasek (4), Slovakia, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinals

John-Patrick Smith and Astra Sharma, Australia, def. Lukasz Kubot and Iga Swiatek, Poland, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 10-3.
Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and Barbora Krejcikova (5), Czech Republic, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, 6-0, 6-2.
Henri Kontinen, Finland, and Gabriela Dabrowski (3), Canada, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Latisha Chan (6), Taiwan, 7-5, 7-6 (2).

GOLF

PGA Tour
Waste Management Phoenix Open
Thursday's Results
At TPC Scottsdale
Scottsdale, AZ
Yardage: 7,261; Par: 71 (35-36)
First Round

Wyndham Clark	30-31—61	-10
Billy Horschel	30-33—63	-8
J.B. Holmes	34-30—64	-7
Tom Hoge	32-33—65	-6
Harris English	32-33—65	-6
Byeong Hun An	34-31—65	-6
Bud Cauley	32-33—65	-6
Nate Lashley	34-32—66	-5
K.J. Choi	32-34—66	-5
Sungjae Im	33-33—66	-5
Adam Long	34-32—66	-5
Hudson Swafford	33-33—66	-5
Branden Grace	33-34—67	-4
Sung Kang	32-35—67	-4
Xander Schauffele	34-33—67	-4
Jon Rahm	33-34—67	-4
Hideki Matsuyama	33-34—67	-4
Scott Piercy	32-35—67	-4
Brandon Hagy	34-33—67	-4
Keegan Bradley	33-34—67	-4
Zach Johnson	34-33—67	-4
Patrick Rodgers	35-32—67	-4
Justin Thomas	33-35—68	-3
Matt Kuchar	35-33—68	-3
Keith Mitchell	33-35—68	-3
Talor Gooch	34-34—68	-3
Aaron Baddeley	35-33—68	-3
Danny Lee	33-35—68	-3
Kevin Streelman	32-36—68	-3
Beau Hossler	34-34—68	-3
Adam Hadwin	36-33—69	-2
Collin Morikawa	33-36—69	-2
C.T. Pan	33-36—69	-2
Jimmy Walker	36-33—69	-2
Doc Redman	34-35—69	-2
Sam Burns	33-36—69	-2
Peter Malnati	35-34—69	-2
Andrew Landry	35-34—69	-2
Bubba Watson	34-35—69	-2
Tony Finau	33-36—69	-2
Kevin Chappell	34-35—69	-2
Daniel Berger	35-34—69	-2
Kevin Na	36-33—69	-2
Xinjun Zhang	36-33—69	-2
James Hahn	35-34—69	-2
Mark Hubbard	35-34—69	-2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's men's scores

EAST

Fairleigh Dickinson 68, Wagner 63
Maryland 82, Iowa 72
Merrimack 61, St. Francis Brooklyn 50
North Alabama 78, NJIT 74
Robert Morris 64, Bryant 54
Sacred Heart 58, Mount St. Mary's 53
St. Francis (Pa.) 84, CCSU 77
Towson 77, UNC-Wilmington 66

SOUTH

Austin Peay 82, SIU-Edwardsville 58
Belmont 92, Tennessee Tech 84
Coll. of Charleston 87, James Madison 68
E. Kentucky 99, UT Martin 86
FAU 69, W. Kentucky 65
Florida Gulf Coast 63, Jacksonville 61
Gardner-Webb 70, UNC-Asheville 56
Georgia Southern 86, Troy 57
Georgia St. 76, South Alabama 73
High Point 62, Campbell 57
Hofstra 86, Elon 63
Liberty 83, Kennesaw St. 45
Louisiana Tech 72, Charlotte 59
Marshall 84, FIU 74
Morehead St. 90, SE Missouri 74
Murray St. 73, E. Illinois 70
North Florida 78, Stetson 65
Old Dominion 68, Southern Miss. 58
Radford 67, Longwood 55
SC-Upstate 77, Presbyterian 74
Tennessee St. 72, Jacksonville St. 62
William & Mary 59, Northeastern 58
Winthrop 77, Charleston Southern 60

MIDWEST

Cleveland St. 72, IUPUI 62
Fort Wayne 72, North Dakota 68
Grand Canyon 87, Rio Grande 79
Ill.-Chicago 90, Youngstown St. 83
Illinois 59, Minnesota 51
N. Dakota St. 70, W. Illinois 49

SOUTHWEST

Appalachian St. 71, Arkansas St. 64
Louisiana-Lafayette 66, Texas-Arlington 65
Texas State 71, Louisiana-Monroe 51
UAB 76, UTSA 68
UALR 96, Coastal Carolina 79
UTEP 67, Middle Tennessee 66

FAR WEST

Arizona 75, Washington 72
BYU 107, Pepperdine 80
N. Colorado 83, Idaho St. 67
New Mexico St. 61, CS Bakersfield 57
Oregon 77, California 72
Pacific 62, Loyola Marymount 50
Saint Mary's (Cal) 86, Portland 64
South Dakota 93, Denver 87
Southern Cal 56, Utah 52
UC Irvine 80, UC Davis 65
Weber St. 75, S. Utah 65

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Claimed INF Pat Valaika off waivers from Arizona. Designated RHP Branden Kline for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Jordy Mercer on a minor league contact.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed RHP Yoshihisa Hirano to a one-year contract. Designated LHP Ricardo Sánchez for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Matt Duffy and RHP Derek Law on minor league contracts.

National League

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Signed RHP David Phelps to a one-year contract. Designated RHP Deolis Guerra for assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with 3B Pablo Sandoval on a minor league contact.

COUNTY

From page C1

scoring points in the 145, 152, and 160-pound weight classes will be crucial for the team's chances. Niles' Kade Wagley is ranked 10th at 145 pounds.

"Niles is loaded (at those weight classes) and we're going to have to beat at least one of those guys," he said. "James Harris at 152 is an exciting wrestler for us. Tafara Rukunda is going to be a key factor as well. Those guys will have to step up on Saturday."

Led by Wertanen, Jacob Halsey (125; 4th), and Drake Collins (189), St. Joseph is hoping to make some noise on Saturday.

"I think we're going to have a pretty good showing," Misel said. "Our program is gaining some steam and we're looking forward to another great invitational. There are lots of ranked wrestlers and returning all-staters. Some of the best wrestlers in southwest Michigan will be there."

Brandywine's Hunter Heath (140; 5th in D3), Dowagiac's Hunter Bailey (285; 5th in D3), and Decatur's Jared Checkley (171; 2nd in D4) are among the top wrestlers in the area hoping to take home some accolades.

For the first time in the meet's history, there will be an on-site weigh-in as opposed to home weigh-ins.

"For kids who are cutting the night before, I think it will change things," Bittenbender said. "We've been on weight all year, so I don't think it changes much for us."

Matches are scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. and admission is $5 for students and adults.

DJOKOVIC

From page C1

Thiem or No. 7 Alexander Zverev.

Djokovic also can claim a 17th major trophy overall to move closer to Federer's record of 20. Rafael Nadal, beaten by Thiem in the quarterfinals, is at 19.

In the women's final Saturday, it'll be two-time major champion Garbiñe Muguruza of Spain against 21-year-old Sofia Kenin of the United States. It's Kenin's debut in a Grand Slam title match.

Clearly, for Djokovic vs. Federer, everything hinged on the first hour.

They played on a muggy, sweltering evening, with the temperature in the high 90s (high 30s Celsius) and no breeze to offer respite.

Almost from the moment his wild quarterfinal ended Tuesday after he'd saved seven match points and eked past Tennys Sandgren in five sets, speculation swirled about how well Federer would recover.

Might the muscle issue force him to pull out of the tournament? Why didn't he practice Wednesday?

As it happens, Federer showed up, of course. And gave what he could until the end.

He's never handed an opponent a walkover across more than 400 Grand Slam matches, never retired from any of his more than 1,500 career tour-level matches.

"I don't think I would have gone on court if I had no chance to win," Federer said. "We saw I was still able to make a match out of it."

Indeed, Federer appeared to be managing just fine at the outset.

And, oh, did this match set out well, in terms of the atmosphere, in terms of the tension, in terms of the tennis.

The proceedings began with a jolt of a 14-point game as a fugue of "Let's go, Roger!" and "No-le! No-le!" provided the soundtrack, prompting chair umpire Nico Helwerth to passively aggressively admonish spectators: "Please. Thank you."

There was an exchange of 17 strokes. Another of 15. There were two break points for Djokovic, nullified with the help of formidable serves.

Federer took the game with three aces, three other clean winners and then broke to go up 2-0 on his way to 4-1.

Soon it was nearly 5-1 in Federer's favor. Close doesn't count, though.

Djokovic put up too much resistance, much like during their epic Wimbledon final last July, when he thwarted two championship points for Federer and wound up winning in a fifth-set tiebreaker.

This time, Djokovic said, "I managed to dig my way back."

After Djokovic got out of that love-40 hole to hold, he trailed 5-2 and love-30.

But Djokovic picked up 10 consecutive points to not only hold there but also break at love in the following game as Federer, one of the most effective servers ever, served for the set. At love! Imagine that.

In the eventual tiebreaker, Djokovic did what Djokovic does: No mistakes and four pure winners, including a down-the-line backhand return to end it.

At the break, Federer took a medical timeout and went off court with a trainer, like he did against Sandgren. Djokovic stayed on the sideline while he, too, got checked out.

When play resumed, Federer did not look as spry or confident as in the first set.

He tried shortcuts such as pushing forward on returns or less-than-ideal drop shots. He couldn't generate so much as one break chance.

Djokovic took the set with a final-game break and the last two points were spectacular.

First, he followed up a stinging return by heading far to his left for a sprinting, sliding, stretching cross-court backhand passing shot; he probably shouldn't even have put his racket on the ball, let alone managed to win the point.

Then he reacted to a short shot by Federer by running all-out to flip a cross-court forehand pass that made it two sets to none. Djokovic threw an uppercut and bellowed, "Come on!"

They played for another half-hour or so but all that was left to decide was the score, not who would win.

"He was better on the day today," Federer said, "no question."

CHANDLER

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the most scored by an opponent at MSG.

"It's crazy because I subbed in and he was scoring but he wasn't going crazy. I'm like, 'This is going OK.' And I was actually playing really good in the first half," Chandler said. "And the second half came, the fourth quarter, he just took over the game. Every shot was going in. It was crazy. I kept looking up like, when is it going to stop?"

Bryant kept going. Among the highlights started from a pump fake on the elbow in the fourth quarter. Chandler bit and was helplessly in the air when Bryant pivoted into a spin and leaning jumper to put the Lakers up 18.

"I jumped so wasn't able to see it," Chandler said. "And I'm like, 'how the f--- did he do that?'"

After the game, Chandler could only shrug his shoulders. He lost to greatness.

"I was with one of my best friends in the car," Chandler said. "We just looked at each other and laughed."

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Bryant rarely saw a shot or a defense he didn't like to challenge. Some called it supreme confidence, others might've preferred ball-hogging.

Either way, it helped Bryant get the benefit of the doubt from referees, according to former Nets forward Richard Jefferson, who shared an amusing story about one game against the Lakers.

Apparently Bryant was fouled during one of those moves that could be interpreted as a pass or a shot, which meant the difference between free throws or an inbounds play. According to Jefferson, this is how Bryant won the argument with referee Violet Palmer:

"Everybody is campaigning," Jefferson, an analyst with YES Network, said. "We as defenders are like, 'He was passing the ball.' And then he was like, 'No, I was shooting.' And then finally he said to Violet, he said, 'Violet, I ain't pass the ball all night.'

"And then all the referees looked at each other and were like, 'Yeah, that's two free throws.' And that was the end of it. Once he said that, us as players were like, 'There's no arguing here.' That was the truth. He hasn't passed the ball all night.'"

GOLLADAY

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my height (6 feet), but he's not. Big frame (6 feet 4), big hands, aggressive at the point of attack, and just like I told him, he needs to go get that money because they're handing out a lot of it, and for a guy to put up the numbers that he's put up in the last couple of seasons, it's pretty wild, man. There's a lot of guys that get paid for less."

Golladay told the Free Press late in the season that he's "definitely" open to a contract extension this offseason, the first chance to Lions have to renegotiate his rookie deal.

Golladay played this season for $676,000, slightly over the league minimum, but would stand to make $15 million or more with a new contract.

Currently, just 11 wide receivers average $15 million or more annually on their deals.

"The things that separate receivers is, and why you see people with Larry Fitzgerald jerseys on and Michael Thomas jerseys on is because they make the tough catch look easy consistently, and when I look at Kenny Golladay, he might do that the best in the National Football League right now," Jones said. "Like whenever the ball's in the air, I feel like, 'Oh, Kenny's coming down with that.' As it's in the air, like, 'Oh, OK, Matthew threw it over there? Yeah, Kenny's coming down with that.'

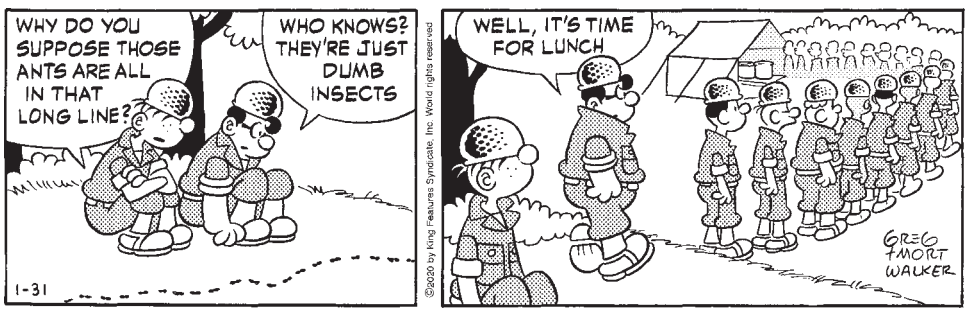
"He's making the big-boy catch look very easy every time, and when you got a receiver like that and you're a quarterback, he's never covered and you're going to continue to give him opportunities."

Burleson said he thinks the next step for Golladay is to become a 100-catch receiver.

Golladay caught 65 passes this season and hauled in 70 balls a year ago, but Burleson said Golladay has evolved to the point that he's become "that guy that you create a game plan around."

"The smart thing to do is pay him right now and get him cheap," Burleson said. "You convince a guy who isn't up for a contract, and you say, 'Listen man, we're going to get a little bit of a discount, but we're going to put some money in your pocket. We'll give you some stability, you'll be around for a while,' and see if he takes the deal. But if you wait and he mess around and gets better, puts up more numbers, I'll call him myself and say don't take that money. Ask for everything and make sure they back up the Brinks truck."

BEETLE BAILEY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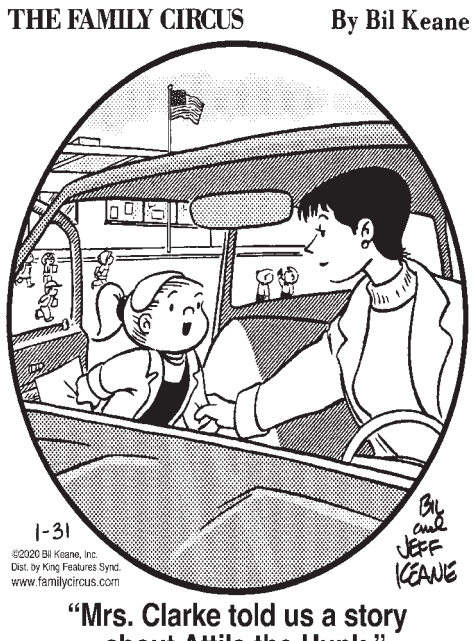
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mrs. Clarke told us a story about Attila the Hunk."

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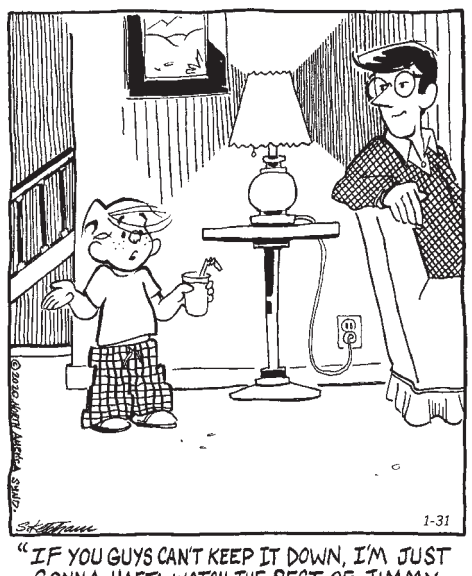

"IF YOU GUYS CAN'T KEEP IT DOWN, I'M JUST GONNA HAFTA WATCH THE REST OF JIMMY FALLON WITH YOU."

HI & LOIS

BABY BLUES

WOOF! I'M SORRY I WOOFED ON YOUR BACK FENCE NEIGHBOR. WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! I MADE YOU SOME COOKIES.
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
LOOK, I WOOF! LIKE TO COMPLAIN, BUT YOUR DOG'S BARKING KEPT US AWAKE ALL NIGHT. WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
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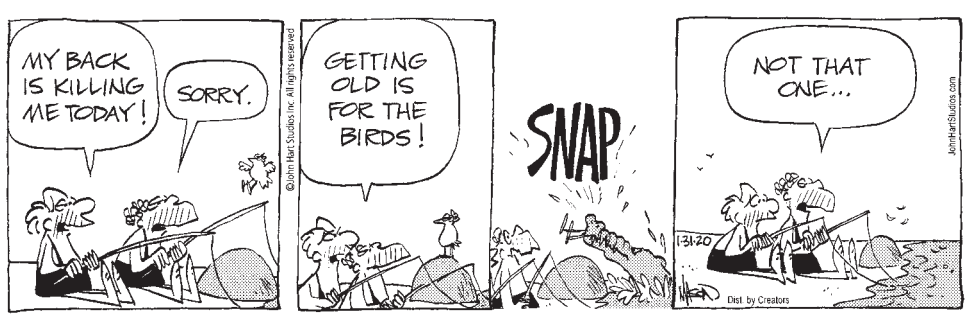

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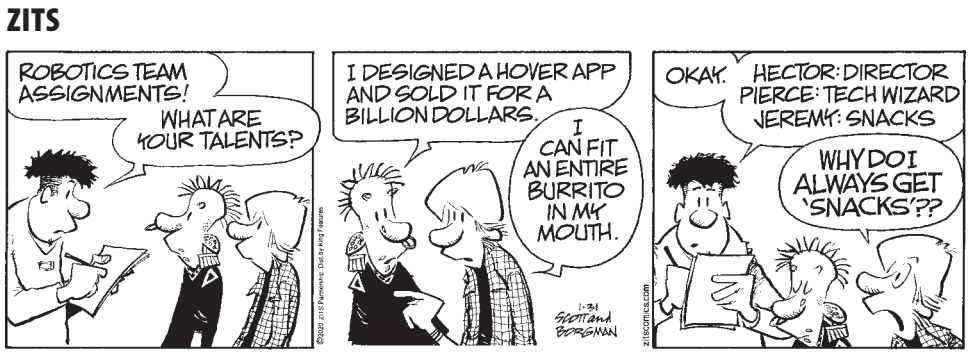
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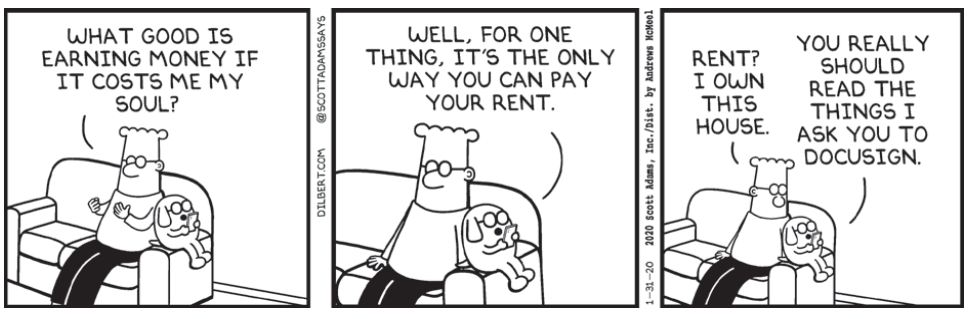
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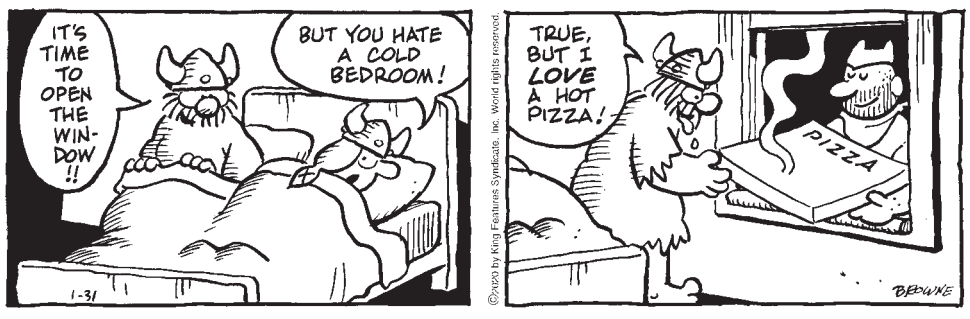
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BUT YOU HATE A COLD BEDROOM!
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TRUE, BUT I LOVE A HOT PIZZA!
PIZZA
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GARFIELD

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I'M RIGHT HERE
YEAH, BUT I'D HAVE TO TURN ALL THE WAY AROUND
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OF COURSE THIS IS "DOG" HEAVEN. SEE? EVERYONE IS CARRYING A FRISBEE
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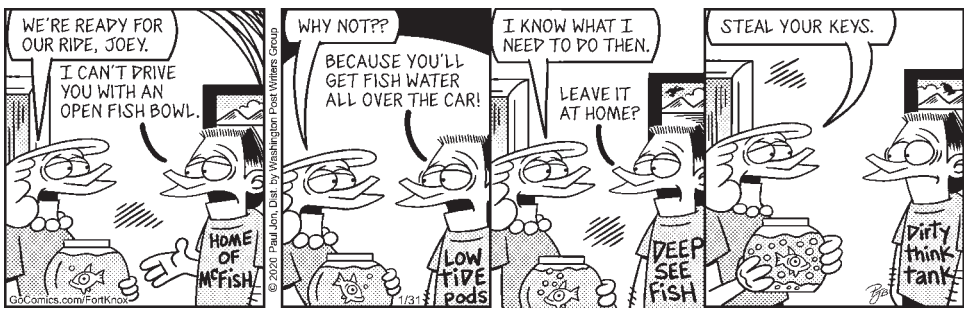
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I CAN'T DRIVE YOU WITH AN OPEN FISH BOWL.
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BECAUSE YOU'LL GET FISH WATER ALL OVER THE CAR!
LOW TIDE Pods
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STEAL YOUR KEYS.
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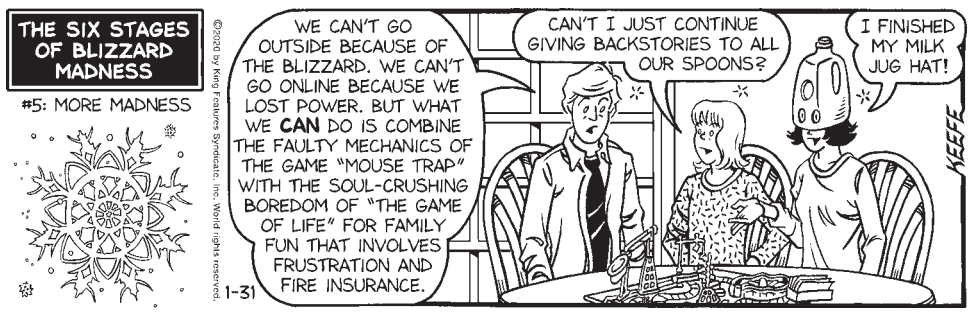
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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING JAN. 31

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Housewife	Fresh Off the Boat	20/20 CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Hawaii Five-0 (N) CC		Magnum P.I. (N) CC		Blue Bloods "Reckless" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Lincoln Rhyme-Bone Collector		The Road to F9: Fast & Furious Fan Fest		Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L) CC				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Overheard	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	Country Music Country music artists reflect America. CC (DVS)			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Charmed Harry gets a mysterious illness.		Dynasty (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	AHL Hockey Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. From Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. (N) (L)					
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Charmed Harry gets a mysterious illness.		Dynasty (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "The Natural" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.31.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	Transformers	★★★ Elysium ('13) Matt Damon. In 2154 the wealthy live aboard a luxurious space station. CC					Deep Impact ('98)
Animal	Tanked	:01 Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)				:01 Tanked	
BET	:00 ★★★ Friday ('95)			★★ Next Friday ('00) Ice Cube. CC			
Big Ten	College Hockey		BTN Live	College Wrestling Penn State at Iowa. (N)			
Bravo	★★ Just Friends	★★ The Replacements ('00) Keanu Reeves. Misfit substitutes take the field during a football strike.					Replacements
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	6:15 War Dogs	:10 ★★★ Contagion ('11, Suspense) Marion Cotillard, Matt Damon. CC				Strike Back CC	
CMT	:00 ★★ Legally Blonde			To Be Announced			
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	The Comedy Central Roast "Justin Bieber"			
Discovery	Gold Rush: Pay	Gold Rush "Cornered" Rick gets thrown a lifeline. (N) CC					
Disney	Alvin	Bunk'd	Gabby	Bunk'd	Gabby	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Alaska	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	6:30 ★★★ Pretty Woman			:15 ★★★ Pretty Woman ('90) CC			
ESPN	NBA	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets.					Basket
ESPN2	College Basketball			All-Star Football Challenge (N)			
ESPNC	:00 College Football					College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Raptors at Pistons				Pistons Live (N)		Focused
Freefrm	Tooth Fairy ('10)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	Transformers	★★★ American Made ('17) Tom Cruise. Pilot Barry Seal transports contraband for the CIA. CC					American Made
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf Waste Management Phoenix Open, Second Round.					
Hallmark	Convenient	Love to the Rescue ('19, Romance) Nikki DeLoach, Michael Rady. CC				The Nine Lives of Christmas ('14)	
HBO	:15 The Outsider "Que Viene El Coco"		:20 ★★ The Curse of La Llorona ('19) Linda Cardellini.			Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens: Declassified Historical reports of alien encounters.					
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	Dr. Pimple Popper		Feet-Killing Me		My 600-Lb. Life (N)	
Lifetime	Magic Mike ('12)	★★ Magic Mike XXL ('15) Channing Tatum, Matt Bomer. Former stripper Mike Lane comes out of retirement. CC					
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Rush Hr	7:55 ★ Rush Hour 3 ('07, Action) CC				Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (N)					Postgame	Bulls
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Total Access		NFL Players Only (N)		NFL Mic'd Up (N)	
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NGEO	Lockup	Lockup: Charleston		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Reckless"		Snapped "Constance Tomich" CC		Snapped "Jasmine Harlee" CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ The Fifth Element ('97) Bruce Willis, Ian Holm. CC					
Showtime	6:10 Shaft ('00)	7:50 ★★★ Green Book ('18) Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali. CC				Boxing ShoBox: The New Generation. (N)	
Starz	6:14 Miss Bala	★★★ Spider-Man: Far From Home ('19) Tom Holland, Samuel L. Jackson. CC				:12 Power "Reversal of Fortune" CC	
STZENC	:21 ★★ Spaceballs ('87) Mel Brooks, John Candy. CC			★★ Major Payne ('95, Comedy) Damon Wayans. CC			★ Jack and Jill
SyFy	6:45 ★★ Hancock ('08) Will Smith.		:45 ★★ King Arthur: Legend of the Sword ('17) Charlie Hunnam, Astrid Bergès-Frisbey, Jude Law. CC				
TBS	:00 ★★ Justice League ('17, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill. CC (DVS)				★★ Justice League ('17, Action) Ben Affleck. CC (DVS)		
TCM	Young Bess ('53)	★★★ Moonstruck ('87, Romance-Comedy) Cher, Nicolas Cage. CC				★★★★ The Apartment ('60) CC	
TMC	Nowhere Boy ('09)	★★ Wayne's World ('92) Mike Myers, Dana Carvey. CC			:35 ★★ Wayne's World 2 ('93, Comedy) Mike Myers. CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	★★ The Accountant ('16) Ben Affleck.					Red 2
Travel	Kindred	Kindred Spirits (N)		Kindred Spirits (N)		Ghost Loop (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. CC (DVS)						Modern Family
VH1	Eclipse	★★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1					Twilight
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Easy treatments for bumpy skin

DEAR DOCTOR: Every winter I get these weird bumps on my skin, kind of like goosebumps, except that they won't go away. What are they? Is there anything that can help?

DEAR READER: It sounds as though you're describing a common and harmless skin condition known as keratosis pilaris. Symptoms typically include patches of small, hard bumps that are about the size of a grain of sand. They may match your skin tone, or can appear pink, reddish, white or brown. In some cases, the tops of the bumps are covered in dry skin scales.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

The condition occurs when oil pores in the skin, which also contain tiny hairs, become clogged with dead skin cells. (The word "keratosis" refers to keratin, the main building block of the epidermis, or outer layer of the skin. The word "pilaris" pertains to hair.) The affected area becomes rough and in some cases may itch. However, keratosis pilaris doesn't cause pain.

This is a condition that may be seasonal, as you have experienced, or can last for months or even years. It usually appears on the skin of the upper arm, upper thigh or buttocks, but can also develop on other areas of the body. It sometimes occurs on the face, most often on cheeks, where it resembles acne. It's more common in young people, and often goes away as they get older. The cause of keratosis pilaris isn't yet known, but since it's more common in individuals with certain skin conditions, such as eczema, genes may play a role. It's distinctive enough that it can usually be diagnosed with a visual and physical exam.

Keratosis pilaris is neither harmful nor dangerous, and it isn't infectious. It can safely be left alone. But if you're bothered by the appearance, or if you're experiencing itchiness, you have several treatment options. Since damp skin absorbs moisturizer more easily than dry skin, and since the products form a barrier that protects the skin, make it a practice to apply moisturizer after bathing or showering. Creams that contain chemical exfoliators – such as urea, salicylic and glycolic acid, and alpha hydroxy acids – can help to break down excess keratin. Over-the-counter lotions such as Eucerin, AmLactin and CeraVe, which are gentle and fragrance-free, can be helpful in diminishing the size of the bumps and boosting moisture.

When showering and bathing, keep water on the cooler side, as hot water can contribute to dry skin and irritation. Using a loofah, washcloth or exfoliating mitt can also help minimize bumps, but don't try to scrub them away. This can easily lead to irritated or even inflamed skin and make symptoms worse. Instead, treat your skin gently.

When toweling off after a shower or bath, dab your skin dry rather than rubbing. If you're not getting results with this regimen of self-care, your health care provider can recommend prescription creams with vitamin A or Retin-A, which may help improve your skin's appearance.

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Worried about friend headed toward bad choices

HELLO CAROLYN: I have a good friend who has experienced several life disappointments in recent years. Currently, work has separated her from her husband, exacerbating some of their ongoing and unaddressed issues. She is also clinically depressed.

In our two most recent conversations, she has mentioned how frequently men hit on her, and has also discussed how vulnerable she is right now. The two aren't mentioned side-by-side, but it's clear she is aware of vulnerabilities and temptations – and that attentions of other men can be attractive. She also rationalized extramarital affairs when we were discussing a movie we watched together, saying few people are entirely faithful.

Carolyn Hax

I would hate to see her make a choice she cannot reverse while in a period of depression, frustration, and vulnerability ... but this feels out of my depth. What should I be doing to support her? She is seeing a therapist and I often ask about that, but do not know what else to do. – **Long-Distance Friend**

You can reflect back to her what you're hearing: "You've said affairs are common and that men are hitting on you. Are you trying to tell me something? Are you asking my opinion?"

If "no" and "no," then you're done. Even if you don't believe her entirely. It's still her life.

If "yes," then that's enough of an invitation for you to say what you said here, which is excellent: "This feels out of my depth. I'm concerned you'll make a choice you cannot reverse while in a period of depression, frustration, and vulnerability. I hope you're talking to your therapist about it." Or husband, if abuse isn't one of their issues.

Something else you can do? Don't get so distracted by her maybe-possible-potential infidelity that you forget how powerful friendship can be for those who feel vulnerable. Love her, care about her, listen to her without judging. All that enables is strength.

DEAR CAROLYN: I am 74 and my wife is 63. We live in the house we bought when we married 24 years ago. My wife says she loves our house and immediate neighbors but has felt unsafe and scared for several years. She cites pawn shops and liquor stores that have moved into the area, and declining property values. Of the three closest shopping malls, one has been razed, one sits abandoned, and one is down to one or two tenants. There have also been at least three shootings within two miles of us in recent months. She wants to move.

While I understand her concerns, I don't feel threatened. Mainly I don't look forward to the considerable work of going through our possessions, moving, and fixing up whatever new place we might find. I don't do well with change.

She says marriage entails compromise, but I fail to see what compromise lies between moving and not moving. Can you please offer me some advice? – **J.**

"Compromise" suggests two equally worthy positions, but the two claims you present here are not equal.

Your discomfort will be temporary – gone as soon as you're resettled. Given your neighborhood's trajectory, however, your wife's discomfort looks to be unceasing.

I'm not saying you must defer to your wife – just that you see your thumb of self-interest on the scale. Remove it, then consider what's fair.

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34 Word of disgust
36 Coal cart
38 Cushy job
41 Slur
43 Spiral-horned antelopes
45 Expenses
46 Cabinet div.
47 Fridge stick
48 Plump and juicy
49 Loch — monster
50 Radio part
51 Hard facts
52 Dove coop
55 Likewise

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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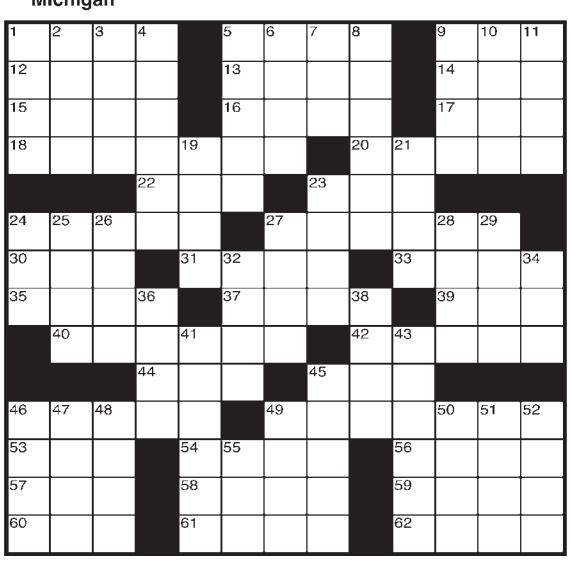

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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MOXIA

GOTOES

GLAUPE

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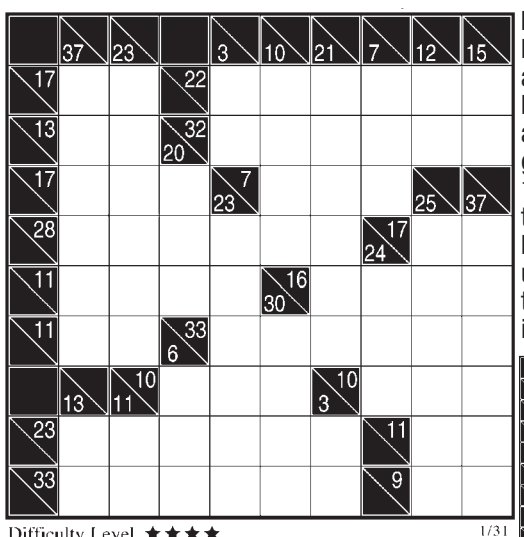
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " ○○○○○○ - ○○○○○○ "

(Answers tomorrow)

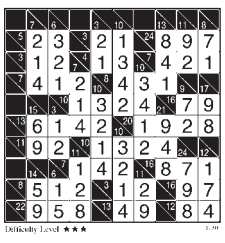
Yesterday's Jumbles: GAUZE RATIO MOMENT MOSAIC
Answer: When they dined in the clubhouse after a round of golf, they enjoyed the — MAIN COURSE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/31

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/31

BRIDGE

For two days, here are the answers to my Christmas Competition.

1. How should South play in four spades after West leads the heart queen?

This is embarrassing. In the layout given on Dec. 25 (South having five spades and two clubs), it was impossible to go down! Declarer had 10 sure tricks: six spades, one heart, one diamond, one club and a club ruff in hand.

I was sent this problem decades ago by an expert now long deceased. He had given South 14 cards, including a third club. Then there was a risk that he could lose two diamonds and two clubs. But after reading through the composer's analysis and removing a surplus card, I should have extracted a spade, giving the hands in today's deal.

The intended solution was that declarer wins with his heart ace, ruffs his second heart, draws trumps ending on the board and plays a diamond, covering East's card as cheaply as possible. Suppose West wins the trick and can safely return a diamond. South takes that with his ace, enters dummy with a trump and leads another diamond toward his hand. If East follows, declarer gets a second diamond trick. If East discards, South loses this trick, and West continues with his high diamond, but declarer pitches a club from the board to leave West endplayed.

2. Propose an auction starting with South, in which East-West pass throughout.

North 01-31-20
♠ K Q 10 8 6 3
♥ 8
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 5 3 2

West
♠ 2
♥ Q J 9 7 2
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ K 7 6

East
♠ 5 4
♥ K 10 5 4 3
♦ Q 6
♣ J 10 9 8

South
♠ A J 9 7
♥ A 6
♦ A J 8 3
♣ A Q 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Even with the original 5=2=4=2 hand, South should open two no-trump. Then North makes a Texas transfer to put his partner into four spades. (If North responds three hearts, South must jump to four spades.)

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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		1		7				
	2			5	6			1
7		5	4			6		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	5	3	4	8	9	7	6	2
2	8	4	7	1	6	3	9	5
6	7	9	2	3	5	8	1	4
3	9	1	8	4	2	5	7	6
4	2	7	5	6	1	9	8	3
5	6	8	9	7	3	4	2	1
9	3	2	1	5	7	6	4	8
8	1	6	3	9	4	2	5	7
7	4	5	6	2	8	1	3	9

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BHAS Central Administration
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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Or you can send me this information via email at susan.west@bhas.org

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 2019-0787-DE-D

Estate of John Roger Thomas
Date of birth: 10/30/47

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John Roger Thomas, died 9/19/19.

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Date: 9/24/19

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Zeeland, MI 49464
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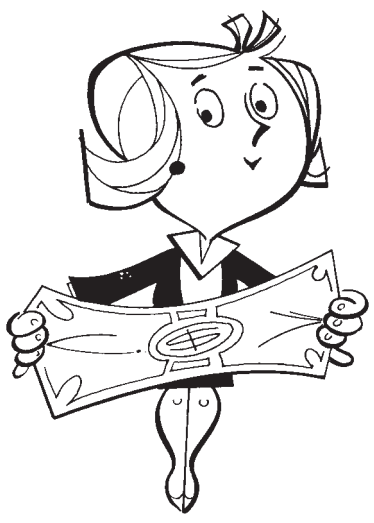

IN THE CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Aggressive action is OK, but impulsive action is not. Choose your strategy for practical, not emotional, reasons. Consider starting a new chapter that has the potential to fulfill your dreams. Put your time and effort into something you believe in and can see yourself doing for the rest of your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your intellect will help you win. Great ideas coupled with speed and accuracy will dazzle everyone you encounter. If you set up meetings and attend networking functions, you'll discover valuable information.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A big decision will be easy if you follow your heart. You have more options than you realize. Happiness is up to you and is within reach. Use your creative imagination.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't gamble or let someone bully you into taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Your time is valuable and is best used to help you get ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Personal information will elude you. Do your due diligence before you get involved in something that may pose a problem. Make a domestic adjustment that will ease stress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Get involved in something that allows you to use your skills. Your first concern should be to boost your confidence and to surround yourself with supportive people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Handle personal situations with care. Being a martyr will not bring you peace of mind or the happiness you deserve. Put more time into love, romance and enjoying life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Pleasure should be on your mind. Follow the direction that leads to satisfaction and fulfillment. Participate in events that offer stimulating conversations with people who share your beliefs, interests and concerns.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone may lean on you for assistance. Offer suggestions, but don't take charge and do the work yourself. You have to be more selective in where and how you spend your time and money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Refuse to get bogged down with other people's problems. You owe it to yourself to put your responsibilities and goals first. Use your intellect, choose your words wisely and carry on with your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Secret matters may intrigue you, but don't get mixed up in someone else's business. Align yourself with people who are working toward a similar goal or who share your beliefs. Romance is featured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Use your head when it comes to emotional matters or dealing with relationship issues. The truth matters, and lying should not be acceptable. When in doubt, ask questions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Stay on top of your responsibilities. Honor the promises you make. Initiate plans with a loved one. Turn today into one of accomplishment and fond memories.

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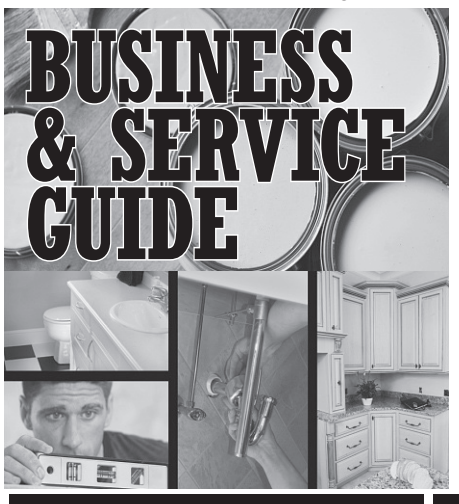

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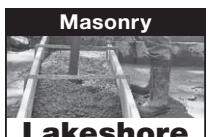

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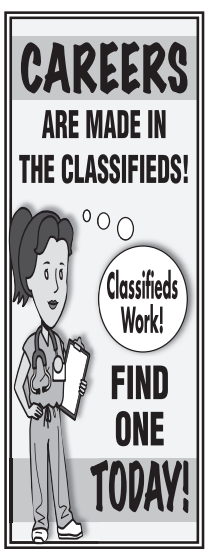

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SUPER BOWL SHOWDOWN

Mahomes, Garoppolo rebound from injuries to lead teams to football's biggest stage

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

Jimmy G. vs. Showtime.

The headliners of Super Bowl 54 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami are Patrick Mahomes and Jimmy Garoppolo, two members of a new generation of mercurial, mobile quarterbacks who have vanquished the old guard and overcome long odds and serious injuries to reach the pinnacle of their profession.

Mahomes rebounded from a dislocated kneecap he suffered in Denver in October to lead the Chiefs (14-4) to their first Super Bowl appearance in half a century, atonement for their overtime loss in last year's AFC championship when they frittered away a fourth-quarter lead against the New England Patriots.

Coming off four straight losing seasons and a 4-12 campaign that landed them the No. 2 pick in the 2019 NFL draft, the San Francisco 49ers (15-3) earned their first Super Bowl appearance in seven years behind Garoppolo, whose return from a season-ending knee injury early in 2018 sparked the turnaround.

The 49ers earned the NFC's top seed for the first time since 1997 and made it to Miami with 17-point routs of the Minnesota Vikings and Green Bay Packers.

"Starting back with the ACL and everything, since then it's been crazy," Garoppolo said. "It's been a crazy whirlwind of a ride."

The Chiefs made it harder on themselves, spotting the Houston Texans 24 points and the Tennessee Titans 10 points before rallying for double-digit wins behind their speedy offense and much-improved defense.

The only team in NFL history to score more points on its way to the Super Bowl than Kansas City's 86 was the 1990 Buffalo Bills, who scored 95 points before losing Super Bowl 25 to the New York Giants on a last-second missed field goal.

Mahomes is 27-8 as Kansas City's starter for a .771 winning percentage and Garoppolo is 23-5 in his career for an .821 winning percentage, including 21-5 with the Niners.

No wonder Tom Brady, Drew Brees, Ben Roethlisberger, Aaron Rodgers and Eli Manning will be like the rest of us on Super Bowl Sunday, watching the big game instead of playing in it.

Throw in the retired Peyton Manning and at least one of those quarterbacks has played in 15 of the last 16 Super Bowls. The lone exception was Super Bowl 47 when Joe Flacco capped Baltimore's amazing playoff run with a 34-31 win over the 49ers and Colin Kaepernick.

This year's Super Bowl is the first one pitting two twentysomething quarterbacks since that matchup on Feb. 3, 2013. Garoppolo is 28 and Mahomes is 24 — he's trying to join Brady and Roethlisberger as the only quarterbacks ever to win a Super Bowl before his 25th birthday.

Although Garoppolo will make his Super Bowl debut in Miami, he already owns two Super Bowl rings after serving as Brady's backup in New England's last-second win over Seattle in Super Bowl 49 and again two years later in the Patriots' overtime win against Atlanta, when 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan was the Falcons' offensive coordinator.

Garoppolo and Mahomes have squared off only once before, on Sept. 23, 2018, in Kansas City, when the 49ers lost both the game and Garoppolo, who sustained a season-ending torn ACL as he was trying to rally San Francisco from a four-touchdown deficit. His left knee buckled during a scramble down the sideline late in the fourth quarter.

With their franchise quarterback sidelined last season, the 49ers tumbled to a 4-12 record. Now they have a chance to join the 1999 St. Louis Rams as the only team to win a Super Bowl a year after winning just four games.

Garoppolo has actually come to view his torn ACL in 2018 as a blessing because it allowed the franchise to select defensive end Nick Bosa with the second overall draft pick last April.

Bosa anchored a much-improved San Francisco defense that, combined with the 49ers' great ground game, its precision passer and its creative play-caller, makes San Francisco the league's most well-rounded team.

The 49ers are counting on those strengths to serve as the antidote to the Chiefs' maestro quarterback who nearly made it to last year's Super Bowl but never touched the ball in overtime as the Patriots won the coin flip and Brady led them to a touchdown on the opening drive.

"We fell short last year and we learned from it," said Mahomes, who will be the fifth-youngest quarterback to start a Super Bowl.

Mahomes won the NFL MVP award last year in his first season as the starter when he threw for more than 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns. Those, numbers dwindled to barely 4,000 and 26 TDs this season when he missed two games. In the playoffs, he's thrown for 615 yards and eight touchdowns a year after throwing for 573 yards and three TDs.

"A lot of people would say he had an even better season, despite being hurt for part of it," said Chiefs chairman and CEO Clark Hunt. "I think a big part of him being better this year was his leadership qualities. For a 23-year-old kid last year, he was amazing as a leader, but you really saw him mature this year as a leader. You could see the entire team looking to him when times were darkest."

Like when they trailed Houston 24-0 in the divisional round or Tennessee 10-0 and 17-7 in the AFC championship, which they came back to win 35-24. Afterward, the Chiefs hoisted the Lamar Hunt Trophy named for the franchise's founder that goes to the AFC winner.

"We are very excited to win the trophy that has my dad's name on it and have an opportunity to head to Miami," Hunt said.

San Francisco coach Shanahan was handed the George Halas Trophy that goes to the NFC champion by his father, Mike Shanahan, who led the Denver Broncos to back-to-back Super Bowl wins in the 1990s and was named an honorary captain by 49ers CEO Jed York.

"It was pretty special," the younger Shanahan said. "To get a trophy handed by anyone is really cool, but especially Jed making my dad an honorary captain. ... I didn't know what was going on, but it was pretty cool."

Both teams are hoping their conference championship celebration was but a prelude to raising the Lombardi Trophy in Miami.

Patrick Mahomes

Jimmy Garoppolo

SUPER BOWL LIV FACTS & FIGURES

AT STAKE
National Football League championship game for the Vince Lombardi Trophy. The Chiefs are seeking only their second trophy; the 49ers are seeking their sixth, which would tie New England and Pittsburgh as the most for any franchise.

KICKOFF
Sunday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern

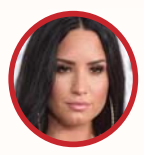
PARTICIPANTS
San Francisco 49ers (NFC) and Kansas City Chiefs (AFC). This is only the third appearance for the Chiefs (1-1), who haven't played in the game in 50 years and lost to the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl I in 1967. The 49ers are making their seventh appearance and have enjoyed the highest winning percentage of any team that has reached the game more than twice, winning in their first five appearances before losing in 2012 to the Baltimore Ravens.

VENUE
Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla., opened in 1987 as Joe Robbie Stadium. Home to the NFL's Miami Dolphins and college football's Miami Hurricanes.

SEATING CAPACITY
65,000. Attendance record of 80,120 for the 2013 BCS National Championship Game between Alabama and Notre Dame. Two years later, the stadium was renovated and reopened with about 10,000 fewer seats.

HALFTIME SHOW
Pop stars Jennifer Lopez and Shakira will perform in their first Super Bowl halftime show. Before this, Gloria Estefan and Enrique Iglesias were the only Latin artists to perform in the halftime show.

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Demi Lovato, a former Disney Channel star best known for her songs "Heart Attack" and "Cool for the Summer," will sing the National Anthem.



GAME COVERAGE
Game can be watched on Fox TV affiliates, the Yahoo Sports app, NFL app and NFL.com.

KEYS TO THE GAME

From Jimmy Garoppolo seeking his third Super Bowl ring but first as a starting quarterback to Patrick Mahomes trying to join Tom Brady and Ben Roethlisberger as the only QBs in NFL history to win a Super Bowl before his 25th birthday, there are plenty of subplots in the 49ers-Chiefs showdown. Here are some fans should keep an eye on:

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Kyle Shanahan and his father, Mike, are the first father-son duo to reach the Super Bowl as head coaches. The elder Shanahan led the Denver Broncos to world championships following the 1997 and '98 seasons with John Elway under center. Prior to that, Mike Shanahan was the 49ers' offensive coordinator the last time San Francisco won it all with a 49-26 victory over the Chargers in Super Bowl 29. Kyle Shanahan was the Falcons' offensive coordinator when Atlanta lost Super Bowl 51 to New England 34-28 in overtime after jumping out to a 28-3 lead.

REID RETURNS

Kansas City coach Andy Reid led the Chiefs to the Super Bowl 15 years after leading the Philadelphia Eagles to Super Bowl 39, which they lost 24-21 to the Patriots. Only Dick Vermeil had a longer gap between Super Bowl appearances among head coaches (18 years). "I'm so happy for the Hunt family and bringing that trophy back here. Wow, how great is that?" said Reid, who is 81-40 in seven seasons in Kansas City after a 14-year run in Philadelphia. He's led the Chiefs to the playoffs six times, going 4-5. "Andy Reid's as good of a coach as there is in this league," Kyle Shanahan said. "I think he's a for-sure Hall of Famer."

GROUNDED & POUNDED

The Chiefs reached their first Super Bowl in 50 years by shutting down the Tennessee Titans' ground game led by Derrick Henry, who ran all over the defending champion New England Patriots (182 yards) and top-seeded Baltimore Ravens (195 yards) but stalled against Kansas City in the AFC championship. Henry ran 14 times for 61 yards and a touchdown in helping the Titans jump out to a 17-7 lead but he gained just 8 yards on five carries the rest of the way.

RUNNING ROUGHSHOD

Raheem Mostert, who has played for five NFL teams and could make his first career start in the Super Bowl, ran 29 times for a franchise-best 220 yards and a conference championship-best four TDs in San Francisco's win over Green Bay when teammate Tevin Coleman injured his right shoulder. "I did have a lot of doubters and naysayers ... I just wanted to show the world what I can do," said Mostert, who was undrafted out of Purdue in 2015. Mostert never rushed the ball with the Browns, Dolphins, Ravens or Bears. Coming into this season, he had just 41 carries and one rushing TD. In 2019, he ran for 772 yards and eight TDs. The 49ers' 235.5 yards rushing per playoff game are the most in the Super Bowl era (minimum two games).

SUPER EXPERIENCE

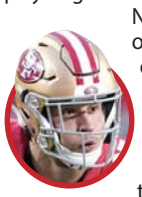
The 49ers are seeking their sixth Super Bowl title, which would tie the Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots for most ever. They are 5-1 in the big game with wins following the 1981, '84, '88, '89 and '94 seasons and a loss following the 2012 campaign. Kansas City has only been to two Super Bowls, losing 35-10 to Green Bay in the first one, known back then as the AFL-NFL World Championship, and winning three years later when they built a 16-0 lead on the Minnesota Vikings on their way to a 23-7 win on Jan. 11, 1970. Their 50-year drought was the third-longest behind the Detroit Lions and the Cleveland Browns, who have never reached the Super Bowl.

MOBILE MAHOMES

Although running back Damien Williams' eight touchdowns (five rushing, three receiving) in four playoff games are the most in Chiefs' history, he's not Kansas City's leading rusher in these playoffs. That title belongs to Mahomes, whose 27-yard tiptoeing TD in the AFC championship was the longest rumble of his career. Mahomes ran eight times for 53 yards against the Titans and seven times for 53 yards against the Texans. Williams has rushed for 92 yards and three TDs on 29 carries in these playoffs. Mahomes' eight TD throws in these playoffs are the most ever by a QB without a turnover heading into a Super Bowl, besting Matt Ryan's six in 2016 before Atlanta lost to New England.

SACK MASTERS

Chiefs defense end Frank Clark, who came over from Seattle, recorded eight sacks in his first season in Kansas City and has upped his game in the playoffs, collecting four sacks in two games. That puts him just 2½ sacks behind the franchise leader, Derrick Thomas, who collected 6½ sacks in 10 playoff games. San Francisco rookie Nick Bosa recorded one of his team's three sacks of Aaron Rodgers a week after sacking Minnesota's Kirk Cousins twice. He's the first 49ers rookie to register that many sacks in his first two postseason games since sacks became an official statistic in 1982. Bosa also is the first rookie with three or more sacks in his first playoffs since the Texans' J.J. Watt and Brooks Reed in 2011.



TERRIFIC TIGHT ENDS

This Super Bowl pits two of the best tight ends in the NFL in San Francisco's George Kittle and Kansas City's Travis Kelce. Kittle caught 85 passes for 1,053 yards and five touchdowns during the season and has added four receptions for 35 yards in the playoffs. Kelce caught 97 passes for 1,229 yards and five touchdowns during the season and added 13 receptions for 164 yards and three TDs in the playoffs. He helped the Chiefs dig out of a 24-0 hole against Houston by becoming the first player ever to grab three touchdown passes in a single quarter in the Chiefs' 51-31 win in the divisional round.

PRODUCTIVE PASSER

Patrick Mahomes has averaged 297 passing yards in four career playoff games and needs just 309 in the Super Bowl to surpass Len Dawson's team record of 1,497 yards. Dawson needed eight games to reach that total. Dawson was 12 for 17 for 142 yards with a touchdown and an interception in the Chiefs' win over Minnesota in the Super Bowl following the 1969 season. Mahomes' 1,188 yards passing in four playoff games is third all-time on the team's list. Alex Smith is second with 1,250 yards in five playoff games. Mahomes already holds the franchise mark for most TD throws in the playoffs with 11.

REDEMPTION REUNION

The Chiefs thought they had ended their Super Bowl drought a year ago when cornerback Charvarius Ward intercepted Tom Brady's pass with 55 seconds left and Kansas City ahead 28-24 in the AFC championship. But that game-sealing takeaway was negated because linebacker Dee Ford had lined up in the neutral zone. The Chiefs traded Ford away as part of their defensive makeover in the offseason, sending him to the 49ers for a 2020 second-round draft pick. Now, both Ford and his ex-teammates are in the Super Bowl. "I have a lot of love for the guys in that building," Ford said of his former team. "It is going to be like playing my brothers back in training camp days. It is going to be fun."

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San Francisco coach Kyle Shanahan celebrates with his dad, Mike, after the NFC Championship game on Jan. 19. The 49ers won 37-20 to advance to Super Bowl 54 against the Kansas City Chiefs.

Mike Shanahan a proud papa as Kyle seeks Super Bowl win

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

Mike Shanahan has never been this nervous about a Super Bowl. It's one thing to coach in the big game, quite another to watch your kid do it.

Shanahan, who coached in four Super Bowls as an assistant before leading the Denver Broncos to back-to-back titles in the late 1990s with John Elway at quarterback, will watch his son Kyle coach the San Francisco 49ers against the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl 54 on Sunday.

He's got butterflies already.

"You're much more relaxed as a coach," Shanahan told The Associated Press in an interview in Denver before flying to Miami. "You're going to have to stay on point throughout the game, thinking a play or two ahead now, but you've prepared for all scenarios as a coach.

"But as a father watching from the stands, you have no idea what's going to happen. Well, you have a little idea, but you don't know for sure. So, it's a lot more nerve-wracking being a dad than it is being a coach."

Shanahan said he doesn't really have any pearls of wisdom to impart to Kyle before kickoff at Hard Rock Stadium.

His son isn't exactly a Super Bowl neophyte.

Kyle was Atlanta's hotshot offensive coordinator three years ago in Super Bowl 51 in Houston when the Falcons blew a 28-3 lead and lost in overtime to Tom Brady and the New England Patriots just before he landed his current gig.

As a kid, Kyle was at his father's side a quarter century ago, serving as a ball boy in Super Bowl 29 when Mike Shanahan was calling offensive plays for Steve Young in the 49ers' 49-26 shellacking of the San Diego Chargers at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami.

"To think about him 25 years later being the head coach of the 49ers in the Super Bowl, in Miami, it's amazing," Shanahan said. "I'm obviously very proud of what he's done and what he's accomplished. He's got one more big game left."

Shanahan was Denver's offensive coordinator in a pair of Super Bowl losses before leading the Broncos to the first of back-to-back titles as their head coach with a 31-24 upset of the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl 32 in San Diego.

A high school senior at the time, Kyle was at his father's side that night, holding the cords for the head coach's headphones in the days before they went wireless.

So, there's really not any fatherly advice the elder Shanahan could give his son now; Kyle's already implemented the lessons he learned from previous Super Bowls. even if this is his first one as a head coach, suggested his father.

Like putting in the game plan before flying out for Super Bowl week and minimizing the distractions closer to game day.

"You don't realize if you haven't been there, which the majority of players haven't, about all the distractions, family, media, all the great things at a Super Bowl," Shanahan said. "When you've been through it you realize all the potential problems you can have and you let them take care of those so the players can concentrate on their jobs."

Shanahan went 178-144 in two decades as an NFL head coach with the Broncos, Raiders and Redskins.

Kyle is 25-25 as San Francisco's head coach, and a win in the Super Bowl would put him above .500 for the first time.

Pretty impressive when you consider he started out his head coaching career with nine losses and slipped to 4-12 a year ago when QB Jimmy Garoppolo suffered a season-ending knee injury in September.

This year, they're 15-3, going from the second overall pick in the draft last April to the Super Bowl.

"I think Kyle knew the situation at hand when he took the job, he knew there was going to be some growing pains, but he'd have a chance to build the team the right way," Shanahan said. "I'm proud of how far they've come."

Shanahan attended plenty of his son's practices last summer and said he saw the seedlings of a turnaround season with Garoppolo and Richard Sherman bouncing back from injury-marred 2018 seasons.

"To be honest, what really impressed me this year, though, was they sustained a number of injuries on offense and defense and guys stepped up in backup situations, came in and played extremely well," Shanahan said. "That speaks to your depth and character when you lose some of those key parts and are still able to win and overcome adversity."

That has galvanized the 49ers much like overcoming an injury epidemic sparked Green Bay to the title after the 2010 season.

"Everybody feels good about it when you're able to overcome injuries like that," Shanahan said.

Shanahan had the honor of handing the George Halas Trophy to his son after the 49ers beat the Packers 37-20 in the NFC championship.

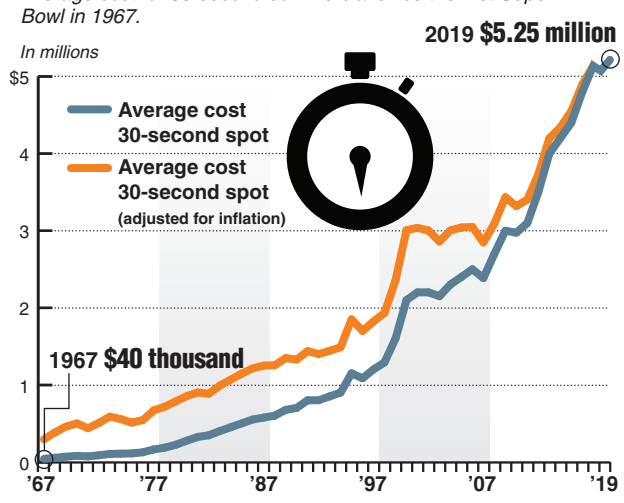
Watching his son raise the Lombardi Trophy on Sunday night would rank right up there with Jan. 25, 1998, when the Broncos beat Green Bay for their first Super Bowl triumph in five trips, Shanahan said.

It might even bring a bigger smile to the father's face.

"One of the biggest things you want in life is seeing your kids succeed at whatever it is they do," Shanahan said. "To see him on this journey that he's had, it just makes me real proud of what he's been able to do in his profession. It's not easy. You've got to believe in yourself and work through tough times because if you don't, you won't last."

Super Bowl ad spending over 53 years

Average cost for 30-second commercial since the first Super Bowl in 1967.



Super Bowl ad stats

$6.9 billion
Total ad spending on ads in the Super Bowl from 1967 through 2018 (adjusted for inflation)

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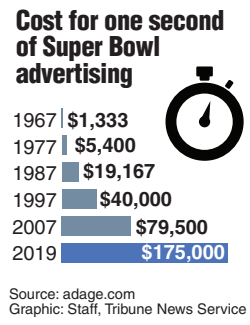
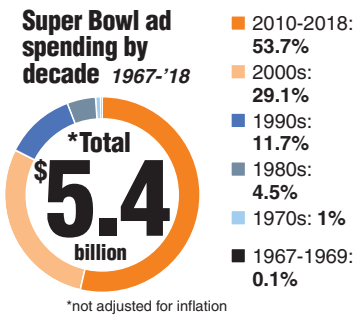
1971,'96,'03 '07, '10, '18
Number of years that Super Bowl commercial prices fell

35 percent
Biggest percent increases in price of a commercial: 1968, the second year of the Super Bowl

Cost for one second of Super Bowl advertising



Super Bowl ad spending by decade *1967-'18*



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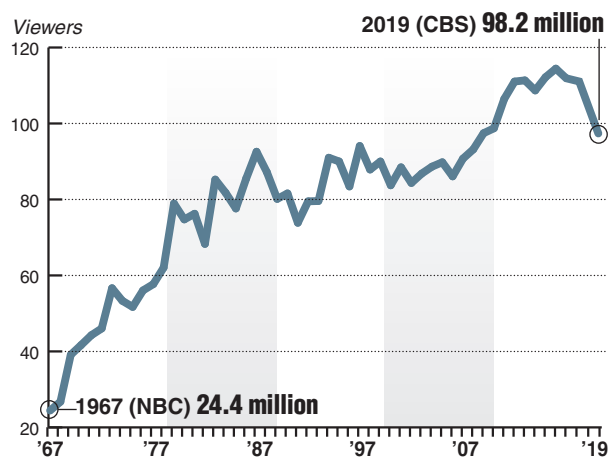
53 years of Super Bowl viewing

The 2019 Super Bowl was watched by the fewest people in 11 years, according to ratings figures from research firm Nielsen.



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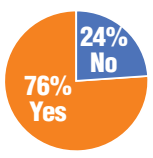
Super Bowl spending

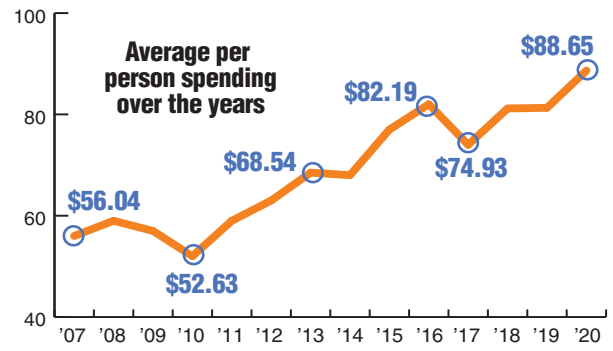
As the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs prepare to face off, here's how consumers are expected to spend on the event.

Viewers planning to watch



Total spending
$17.2 Billion

Average per person spending
$88.65
On food and beverages, merchandise and party supplies



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Chiefs-49ers: Toughest Super Bowl to pick in years

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — Even the oddsmakers aren't sure about this Super Bowl.

That's how close the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers match up. The Chiefs are a 1-point favorite, which basically means a tossup. Indeed, by kickoff on Sunday, the 49ers could be the bettors' choice.

There could be almost as much action on prop bets – does Kyle Shanahan remember to run the ball if the Niners get ahead 28-3 in the second half, for example? Or a lot more bets on the over/under, which stands at 54 1-2 and seems a bit low.

Then again, San Francisco's defense is capable of putting any offense on its heels, using a potent pass rush and some strong work in the secondary by star cornerback Richard Sherman and the safeties.

The onus is on Kansas City's offensive line to not only create some running lanes for healthy-at-last back Damien Williams, but, of course, to give Patrick Mahomes an opportunity to find his speedy receivers.

Or to create, as he did with his tap dance down the left sideline to the go-ahead touchdown in the AFC championship game.

"We have to be aware of everything he can do," 49ers safety Jimmie Ward said. "Everything."

The KC defense was dynamic down the stretch of the regular season, but it has been less so for portions of the postseason.

The Niners will want to run the ball first and foremost, with Raheem Mostert coming off a sensational 220 yards rushing and four touchdowns in the NFC title game rout of Green Bay.

"I think defenses, they underestimate his speed. You can just see it," All-Pro tight end George Kittle said. "He'll hit a hole and the guy will take what he thinks is a good angle. And, next thing you know, he's by him. Doesn't even touch him."

If San Francisco is successful on the ground, it will continue handing off the ball. If not, a shootout between Jimmy Garoppolo and Mahomes is not quite what the 49ers seek.

But don't underestimate their receivers, particularly Kittle, who like his counterpart with Kansas City, Travis Kelce, can be a game breaker.

Kittle is a huge fan of Kelce.

"Whether it's what he does in the red zone, how he runs his routes, his mindset every time he steps on the football field. I think the thing that really kind of stands out the most is you see his personality when he plays and how much fun he has," Kittle said. "Very similar to Gronk and his personality, the way it shows. I think they just kind of opened the door for tight ends like me to be able to express ourselves on the football field."

Rookie Deebo Samuel has no fear of chasing – and catching – passes anywhere on the field, and Emmanuel Sanders is a solid veteran and superb route runner.

It seems appropriate then that how the Chiefs' big guys in the trenches on defense perform could be decisive. After all, coach Andy Reid is a former O-line coach.

Sentiment is on Kansas City's side. Reid not only is one of the most popular coaches with his players in any sport, but he's highly respected and popular with his peers.

Wilfredo Lee / AP

San Francisco 49ers cornerback Richard Sherman speaks during a media availability Wednesday in Miami.

His resume might be Hall of Fame worthy already, and a victory – he lost to New England while with Philadelphia in his only other Super Bowl as a head coach – would emphasize his success.

That would be nice to see on Sunday. Except it won't happen.

Look for the 49ers to get off quickly, something the Chiefs allowed both Houston and Tennessee to do in the playoffs.

Kansas City will make a charge, perhaps several of them, but the Niners will have just enough of an edge on defense to earn their sixth Super Bowl crown, tying New England and Pittsburgh for the most.

And yes, go with the over.

49ERS, 30-27.

History and excitement: A nice mix for Super Bowl

By BARRY WILNER
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MIAMI — Few Super Bowls in recent memory have appeared as competitive as the San Francisco 49ers against the Kansas City Chiefs.

No wonder there's a little more buzz about this one.

History and excitement are a nice combination for any championship game.

The history stems from the Chiefs seeking their first title since 1970, when they won the fourth Super Bowl in the final matchup of AFL-NFL. The full merger took place the next season – and Kansas City hasn't been back to the Super Bowl for which its founder, Lamar Hunt, provided the name.

"I think he would be amazed," said his son, Clark Hunt, who now oversees the Chiefs. "He and my mother actually talked about that at one of the last Super Bowls they attended together about 15 years ago. He said, 'I always knew it was going to be big, but I didn't know it was going to be this big."

Then there's Andy Reid, whose NFL head coaching resume goes back to 1999 in Philadelphia. He has a Super Bowl ring from work as an assistant coach in Green Bay, but Reid is 0-1 in the big game.

"Just getting him here isn't the goal," star tight end Travis Kelce said. "Winning this thing for him is."

San Francisco is seeking its sixth Vince Lombardi Trophy, which would equal the record held by Pittsburgh and New England. The 49ers also are looking to be only the second team to go from 4-12 the previous season to the top of the heap.

"It's been quite a journey," said halfback Raheem Mostert, who himself has had quite the sojourn in the NFL. He was cut by seven teams and was a special-teamer for the 49ers before getting a chance – and taking off running with it. Mostert rushed for 220 yards and four touchdowns in the NFC title game.

"This franchise has a lot of history and accomplishments. Of course we want to add to that."

Mostert is one of a field full of players who will push the thrill throttle to the floor and keep it there. So is Kelce.

But Kelce might not be the best tight end in the game. It's close, but 49ers All-Pro George Kittle is just as capable of breaking open this Super Bowl with something spectacular.

And celebrate it almost as adeptly as J-Lo and Shakira will fill the halftime stage.

"I think we both have a really good time playing football," Kittle said. "You can see that on the tape. We both just enjoy being out there with our teammates. We both make plays when we're asked to, and I think we both make plays when we're not asked to."

Both teams have wideouts capable of swinging momentum in their team's favor. For the Chiefs it's perhaps the speediest group the NFL has seen. Tyreek Hill is sure of it.

"If I'm healthy and my mind is in the right place, I'd go try out for the Olympics, put together a relay," Hill said. "We'd show these track guys, 'Hey, we football players can do that, too.'"

He's put fellow receivers Sammy Watkins and rookie Mecole Hardman on that relay.

"It almost looks like they got their roster from the Olympic relay team and threw them all on the football field," 49ers defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said. "Not to say they can't run routes and catch either, because they can do that. They're a special group and you can see why they're there."

Still, the 49ers have a clutch receiver in veteran Emmanuel Sanders, a rookie with no fear of going anywhere on the field – or above it – to make a catch in Deebo Samuel, and an emerging talent in Kendrick Bourne. Just like with Kansas City, they're capable of making a difference.

So is San Francisco's defense, and it will need to be at optimal precision to deal with perhaps the most electrifying player of them all in this Super Bowl: Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

The 49ers have a powerful pass rush sparked by a deep front four that includes a sack threat at every spot – including one rookie, Nick Bosa. A year ago, the Niners were so bad they had the second overall draft pick. They took edge rusher Bosa, and look where they are now.

The Niners have 57 sacks including the playoffs, with veteran linebacker Dee Ford, Bosa, Arik Armstead and DeForest Buckner all having at least 7 1/2.

Fred Warner has developed into a versatile linebacker and Richard Sherman remains one of the NFL's great cornerbacks – an action guy who will love taking on Mahomes.

"We believe in each other," Sherman said. "We believe in the scheme. We believe in what we've done all year, and we plan on going out there and putting a good product on tape and seeing how it goes."

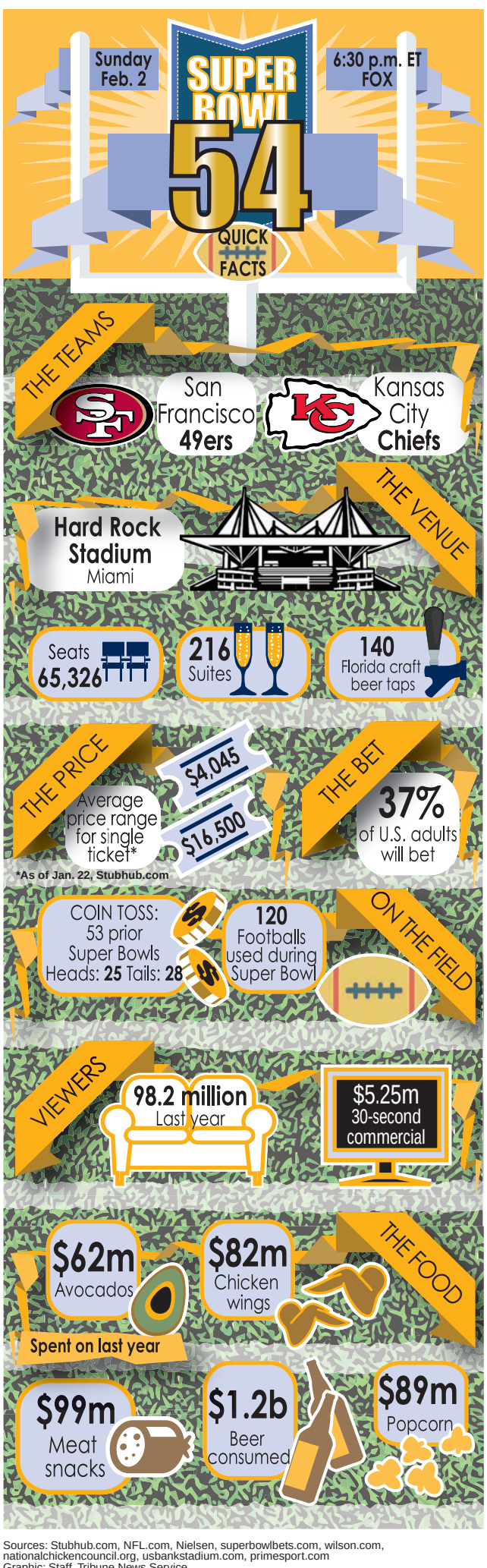
For Kansas City, whose defense performed particularly well down the stretch of the regular season but hasn't been so stingy in spots during the postseason, how it goes Sunday very possibly will depend on how successful Mahomes is. The 49ers don't need their QB, Jimmy Garoppolo, to be extra special; he's been more of a caretaker behind that monstrous running game and defense in the two postseason victories.

Make no mistake about Mahomes: Kansas City needs him to be, well, vintage Mahomes.

Which means big plays with his arm, thrown from angles we didn't know existed. Howitzer throws as he rolls out – even to his left – and doesn't bother fully planting his legs. Maybe even the tightrope kind of run down the sideline that still has NFL folks shaking their heads in wonder.

Tony Avelar
San Francisco 49ers running back Raheem Mostert scores in front of Green Bay Packers free safety Darnell Savage during the first half of the NFC Championship on Jan. 19.

Brynn Anderson / AP
Kansas City Chiefs strong safety Tyrann Mathieu speaks during a news conference on Thursday.



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49ers' Katie Sowers a trailblazer as first female coach at Super Bowl

By TERESA M. WALKER
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MIAMI — Katie Sowers answered questions on topics ranging from whether it hurt getting her ears pierced (no) to if she wants to be an NFL head coach one day (yes).

For the full 60 minutes of the San Francisco 49ers' portion of media night on Monday, Sowers talked with reporters from around the world on making history as the first woman and first openly gay coach to work the Super Bowl.

"I'm waiting for someone to tell me that this is all a joke, and they're going to be like 'Psych! You're not really there. You're not really a football coach,'" Sowers said. "It's one of those things that you really start to look around you and take advantage of every single day, especially with things happening in the news. You really appreciate the moment."

Being the first woman to coach in the Super Bowl may be surreal. Sowers makes very clear she hopes she's blazing a path for many more to follow.

"I feel like a broken record, but what I want to continue to say is that even though I'm the first, the most important thing is I'm not the last and we continue to grow it," Sowers said.

Simply attending a Super Bowl was Sowers' dream growing up in Hesston, Kansas, and playing football in the yard with her twin sister, Liz.

She might've become a basketball coach after wrapping up her college basketball career at Goshen College in Indiana. But being gay kept her from becoming a volunteer assistant there in 2009. Current Goshen President Rebecca Stoltzfus apologized to Sowers for that last week and noted those sexual orientation policies were ended in 2015.

Sowers played in the Women's Football Alliance and for USA Football's national team, including her best game ever where she intercepted five passes at safety against Germany. Injuries such as a separated shoulder and a torn labrum ended her playing career, leading her to Kansas City where she earned a master's degree at Central Missouri.

"I knew that I had a long road ahead of me if I wanted to be an NFL coach because I didn't have the opportunity to play on a college team," Sowers said. "I didn't have the opportunity to break down film like a lot of these (coaches). ... I didn't have the opportunity to network like a lot of people did. But I was up for the challenge, so I bought every book I could and started doing it myself."

In Kansas City, Sowers also had a part-time job coaching a youth basketball team with then-Chiefs general manager Scott Pioli being one of the parents. After being fired by the Chiefs, Pioli was assistant GM in Atlanta when he helped Sowers into the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship in 2016 with the Falcons working through the offseason and training camp before spending nine months as a scouting intern.

That same fellowship took her to San Francisco in June 2017, working with wide receivers. Kyle Shanahan, who had been offensive coordinator in Atlanta, hired Sowers as an offensive assistant in 2018, and she's gone from breaking down film and working on practice scripts to helping wide receivers coach Wes Welker and other offensive coaches.

And Sowers is considered just a coach with the 49ers.

"She's been tremendous," 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo said. "Katie was here before I was. What she does with the receivers, all the skill position guys, how she interacts with them, it's special. She's feisty, man. Katie is awesome out there. She'll get after the guys. It's fun to be around."

Wide receiver Kendrick Bourne says Sowers draws up more than she talks on the field and does more behind the scenes.

"My rookie year she calmed me down when I played my first preseason game," Bourne said. "She gave me tips to live in the moment. She's cool."

Sowers used letters from young girls to help handle the long hours required of NFL coaches and survive the emotionally draining roller-coaster of a regular season. Her favorite? The girl who shares the Sowers' name.

"She loves sports, and she was so excited to see a woman with her same last name coaching," Sowers said.

Reaching the Super Bowl has brought Sowers a much bigger platform, including a Microsoft commercia l that ran repeatedly during the NFL's conference championships. Her sights are set on much more: becoming an NFL head coach.

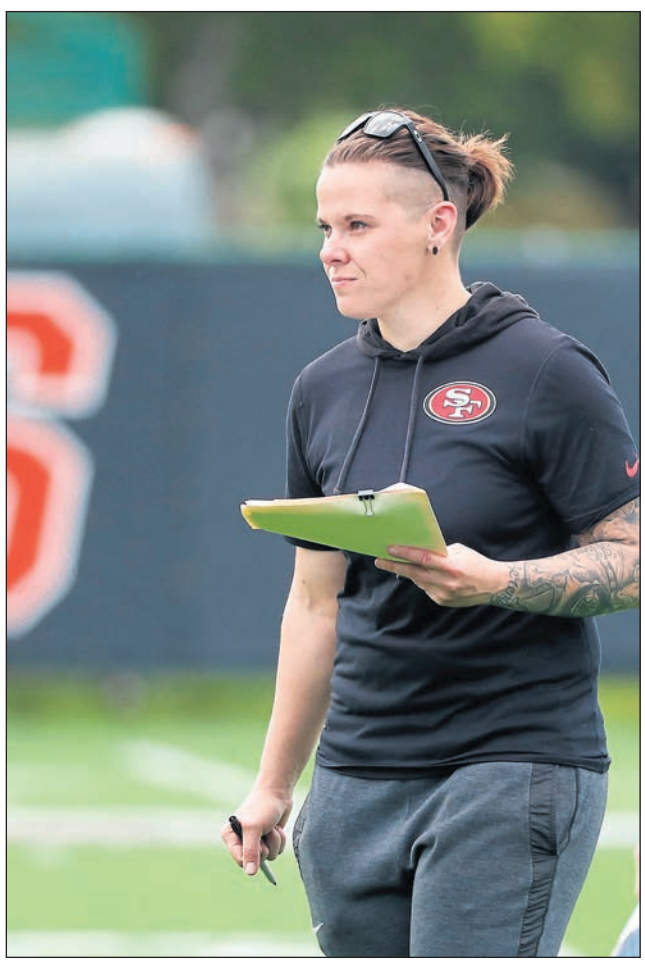
"Absolutely," she said.

San Francisco cornerback Richard Sherman said getting a head coaching job in the NFL is always going to be a challenge with owners making the final decision and coaches being hired still "look a certain way."

"I think it's unfortunate because there's a lot of qualified, very qualified, coaches of color and female coaches that deserve a job, deserve to get the opportunity to be head coaches," Sherman said.

Well, Sowers has been doubted before.

"Look at me now," she said.



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San Francisco 49ers offensive assistant coach Katie Sowers watches players warm up during practice Wednesday.

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Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, left, and San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garropolo are ready for Sunday's Super Bowl.

Warner: How good can it get for Mahomes?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Two-time NFL MVP and Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Kurt Warner can't wait to find out just how good reigning MVP Patrick Mahomes can be.

"We don't even know Patrick's untapped potential yet," Warner said Thursday. "How good can he be? I remember when I was with (former coach) Mike Martz, we just continued to push that envelope and see how far we could go, and it was part of the fun of playing the game."

The NFL Network analyst says he wonders if the league has ever seen a quarterback with all the skills Mahomes has. He led the Chiefs to the AFC championship game in his first season as a starter while winning the NFL MVP, and now he has them in the Super Bow l for the first time since 1970.

His athleticism and arm strength is similar to Aaron Rodgers, and Warner said Mahomes also can play in the pocket like other great quarterbacks. But Warner said what separates Mahomes the most is his ability to creatively see the game, something only a few quarterbacks have had.

"A lot to be determined yet, but I do think there is the potential for him to be the most complete quarterback we may have ever seen in this game," Warner said.

On the other side Sunday is Jimmy Garoppolo who could help San Francisco do what Warner managed in 1999 with the then-St. Louis Rams by winning a Super Bowl a season after going 4-12. Warner said Garoppolo sometimes misses defenders or focuses so much on making a throw that he misses receivers, noting a couple of opportunities Minnesota missed at interceptions in the divisional round.

Warner expects Garoppolo to play well in his first Super Bowl as a starter after winning two rings as Tom Brady's backup in New England. His question is whether Garoppolo can make the throw the 49ers need to make the difference Sunday.

"Do the Chiefs make that play?" Warner asked. "Can Jimmy avoid that play? That to me is probably a bigger question than do I think he can make enough plays to win. Yeah, I definitely think that."

TUA HEALING QUICKLY

Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa is healing well enough from hip surgery in November that he just might be able to do some things on the field before the NFL draft.

Agent Leigh Steinberg, CEO of Steinberg Sports and Entertainment, says Tagovailoa is no longer using crutches. Steinberg said Tagovailoa certainly has enough tape showing just how good he can be. How healthy Tagovailoa can be in 2020 could be the key in just how high the quarterback is drafted in April.

"He's coming along, and I'm sure sometime prior to the draft he'll be able to show his skills and be perceived the way he originally was perceived as a top pick in the draft," Steinberg said.

MORE WOMEN WORKING SUPER BOWL

For the first time, three women athletic trainers will provide medical care in the Super Bowl.

The three athletic trainers are Laura A. McCabe of the San Francisco 49ers, Tiffany Morton and Julie Frymyer with the Kansas City Chiefs.

"The accomplishment of these three athletic trainers leading up to the NFL's biggest game is a testament to their commitment to player health, safety and well-being," said National Athletic Trainers' Association President Tory Lindley.

"The athletic training profession is more than 50 percent female and I am hopeful that through the examples set by the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers and others, female athletic trainers in professional sport will be commonplace."

Frymyer noted that even though the Chiefs had several injuries this season, they got to the big game. Certainly the training staff helped in that quest.

"I believe it's time that females in these positions are no longer considered a rarity, but as the norm," she said. "I commend the work the NFL has done with their intern scholarship programs for women and minorities to expand the network of athletic trainers in the league."

San Francisco offensive assistant Katie Sowers also will be the first woman to coach in a Super Bowl with the 49ers.

DARNOLD VS. JONES IN MIAMI

The New York quarterback comparison is coming to South Florida.

Daniel Jones and Sam Darnold will go at it in cornhole.

Cornhole?

The Giants and Jets signal callers will compete alongside top American Cornhole League professionals. The event Friday night in Fort Lauderdale is part of a three-day event conducted by the ACL in which $40,000 in purses are available.

The Jones-Darnold matchup even gets network television attention; it will be broadcast by ESPN2 on Sunday.

"Being from Charlotte cornhole was always around. To watch it evolve from a backyard game to a full-fledged sport with American Cornhole League has been exciting," Jones said. "Plus, the opportunity to take Sam on heads up was something I couldn't pass on."

Darnold is confident he can handle his opponent.

"While I wish I was going to be on the field this weekend, this is a nice consolation prize – and another opportunity to take home a win for 'Gang Green' against a crosstown rival," said Darnold, whose Jets beat the Giants during the 2019 season. "Daniel's a great competitor, but I've been practicing and feel good about my odds."

NOVICE BROADCASTERS

NFL Player Engagement has arranged for four players who went through the Broadcast Boot Camp to commentate on Radio Row at the Super Bowl. Participating players are Jason Cabinda, Marlon Favorite, Brandon Flowers and Shane Vereen, and they also will be involved in the game broadcast to Great Britain.

Each player is participating in segments on various radio outlets, including SiriusXM and Westwood One Radio.

The program is open to current and former players who have previously participated in the NFL's Broadcast Boot Camp and its advanced version; the Speakers Bureau; and the Sports Media/ Sports Journalism & Radio Boot Camp. Players have the opportunity to practice what they learned at previous boot camps, and, who knows, maybe land a broadcasting gig.

Cabinda currently is a linebacker with the Lions. Defensive lineman Favorite played for several teams and was on the Saints when they won the 2009 championship. Cornerback Flowers was with the Chiefs and Chargers and made the 2013 Pro Bowl. Vereen was a running back who won a Super Bowl with Patriots.

SUPER BOWL ALBUM

Don't worry if you miss any of the musical performances Sunday at the Super Bowl. Each will be available almost immediately after as part of a new visual album announced Thursday by the NFL.

Those scheduled to perform include Demi Lovato handling the national anthem, Yolanda Adams with The Children's Voice Chorus singing "America the Beautiful" and the halftime show with Jennifer Lopez and Shakira. The performances will be available on Apple Music, Spotify, Tidal and YouTube, though fans also can place their order now.

Proceeds from the anthem and "America The Beautiful" performances will go to the NFL's Inspire Change grant programs for education, economic development, police and community relations and criminal justice reform.

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